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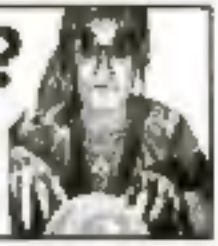

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Give me the cash or I'll kill my baby!

A pregnant bank robber persuaded tellers to hand over $341,000 in cash by jamming the barrel of a loaded gun into her swollen belly, say cops.

Antonia Malfatti, 37, pointed a gun at her abdomen and threatened to pull the trigger, according to official sources in Naples, Italy. She escaped from the bank with a bag full of money, but was apprehended by police four blocks from the scene of the robbery.

"She wasn't hard to spot because she was eight months' pregnant and on foot," said police inspector Attilio Galletti. "Fortunately officers disarmed her before she had a chance to react — otherwise, she may have actually gone through with her threat."

Miss Malfatti told police she was desperately poor and robbed the bank to pay for the birth of her baby. She said that without money life would be so bad for her and her infant that the baby might as well be dead anyway, police said.

According to authorities, the desperate mom-to-be entered the Federal Bank in Naples shortly before closing time and passed a note to a teller demanding cash.

"She was wild-eyed and upset," the teller, Diana Giorgetta, told the *Naples News* afterward. "She had her hand in her purse and while I watched, she pulled out a small pistol and pointed it at her stomach.

"The woman was very pregnant.

"All I could think of was that little innocent baby inside her who would die if I didn't give her the money. I gave her everything I had, right away."

Miss Malfatti, who is pregnant out of wedlock, has no job and no relatives, police said. She had been supporting herself with occasional work as a housekeeper until she became visibly pregnant.

The woman is in jail charged with armed robbery. Authorities say they are looking into the possibility of prosecuting her on an additional charge of endangering the welfare of a child.

— BEATRICE PEAVER

. . . SAYS PREGNANT BANK ROBBER

COPS disarmed pregnant woman before she was able to kill her unborn baby

AIDS knocks hole in balloon business

Expert sees worldwide shortage of rubber

Toy balloons will soon be as rare as lollipops, say experts, because manufacturers are using all the rubber they can get to make condoms and medical and surgical gloves to fight killer AIDS!

"If you're got balloons, hold on to them — they're going to be worth a mint," industry spokesman Sharil told reporters in Malaysia, the world's leading producer of rubber.

"There's simply not enough rubber

And in the crunch, that something is balloons."

Shock waves from the balloon shortage are already being felt around the world.

Party shops from Paris and London to Los Angeles and New York are said to be raising the price of balloons — when they can get them at all.

"This is a side effect of AIDS that

but I'm afraid we can't deliver the goods.

"When retailers sell off their balloon reserves, you're going to see lots of changes. What's a child's birthday party without balloons? Not much. I can assure you."

Speculation that balloons made of mylar or other materials could replace the traditional rubber variety is all

of playing with a balloon is blowing it up. With mylar you need a machine."

Industry spokesman Sharil noted that an end to the balloon shortage is nowhere in sight.

"Things aren't going to get any better until doctors cure AIDS," he said.

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Scarred woman wins $372G court battle acting as own lawyer

THE smile that says, "I won." Housewife Gail Thorrell only has a high school education, but she took on the big guys and beat them. Her nose was injured in a 1983 operation.

Depressed? Blame those TV soaps!

Experts have found the root cause of much of teenage depression — it's TV soap operas!

According to educators in Great Britain, girls who spend a lot of time watching their favorite soaps are in for disappointments and higher stress levels.

"Certain programs have a very bad effect on many students," said Vanessa Mann, head of a public girls' school in glamorous people on the soaps and while some are unaffected, others think, 'I have got to be like that.'

"The girls end up wanting to be seen as adults, but they don't have the maturity to cope with the demands of adulthood."

So serious has the problem become that psychologists have been hired to run special stress-reduction classes for teens to lessen their frustration.

"Often the pressure can be eased by simply talking about again what makes them upset," Mrs. Mann said.

"There are pressures telling today's teenagers what they should be like and how glamorous their life should be, but life isn't that glamorous for many teenagers, and this causes anxiety.

"They think they should be much better than they are in real life.

"Often the pressure can be eased by simply talking about

She learned about the courtroom by watching L.A. Law on her TV!

A housewife with only a high school education matched legal wits with an experienced lawyer in a courtroom — and won a $372,000 judgement against a doctor.

By JACK ALEXANDER

"My attorney quit three days before the trial was to start," said gutsy Gail Thorrell. "I spent those three days researching in law libraries. I didn't eat. I didn't sleep. It was a real crash course."

The attractive Terrell, Tex., housewife had sued Dallas doctor F.J. Chandler in 1985, claiming he was negligent in removing a cyst from her nose in 1983 that left her with an ugly scar. Dr. Chandler claimed a subsequent skin disease and infection caused the damage.

"I was flabbergasted when my lawyer, Richard Denner Jr., called and said he had to withdraw from the case because of a conflict of interest, but he didn't explain the conflict," she said. "We had already paid him about $15,000 in legal fees."

The frantic woman called six other lawyers but none would take her case.

After researching as best she could, Gail walked into the courtroom the day of the trial. "I was scared to death," she said. "I tried to get the case continued, but the judge turned me down because there had already been far too many delays."

But the determined housewife had an ace up her sleeve. disqualify Dr. Chandler's lawyer, claiming a conflict because he was a member of a law firm that once represented her husband.

"That didn't help much because Dr. Chandler had no trouble getting another one almost immediately," she said. "But the judge wouldn't give his lawyer a continuance, either."

The trial lasted five days "and every day was an awesome experience," said Gail. "I presented my case in evidence in the case and I guess I convinced the jury I got a raw deal.

"I have no idea how I got through the ordeal," she said. "I watch TV's *L.A. Law* a lot that helped me a lot, particularly in picking the jury."

Gail said she never considered dropping the suit when her lawyer quit.

"I have faith in myself and the criminal justice system, and I knew the facts in the case," she said.

"But I can tell you this, the legal and medical professions are very frightening."

Dr. Chandler's lawyer said

A new you for the New Year!

Wonder slimming plant will help you grin when you bare it, says top weight loss doc

By SUSAN JAMISON

If you're stuffed like a holiday turkey with goodies you've gobbled over the past few weeks, don't worry — you can trim down to a slim new you with a miracle substance called guar gum.

The incredible weight-loss aid is a simple plant fiber that makes you feel full after just a few bites. And anyone can buy it without prescriptions — at health food stores around the country.

. . . and you won't have to go on a lettuce diet either!

"It doesn't take your appetite away, but you get halfway through a meal and you don't want any more," said Kris Kuhrts, one of the developers of the fat-melting product. "You simply can't eat as much.

"It's a non-chemical way of going on a diet and studies have shown that it lowers cholesterol, too. It's a very exciting product and it's totally natural."

Kuhrts and other experts have compiled research data that clearly demonstrates the guar gum's effectiveness and safety. The FDA has already approved it as a food additive and guar gum is used regularly in products such as ice cream.

People who take a teaspoonful of guar gum with a glass of water half an hour before meals can lose up to six pounds a week, studies show.

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The gum is available in various forms which range in price from $8 to $13 for a month's supply. The product is marketed under the name Sloguar or Thorvguar and distributed as an orange-flavored powder to mix with water or in pill form.

"You can use guar to lose any amount of weight you want, be it five pounds or fifty," said Dr. Stuart Berger, a New York City physician who has used the diet fiber extensively. "Guar is an important breakthrough into your life-style to maintain weight loss easily."

Dr. Berger cautioned that folks planning to lose weight with guar gum should see their doctors before going on a weight-loss regimen.

Jealous wife made chop-chop suey out of her hubby

By PETE COOKE

A woman who beat her cheating husband to death with a hammer, chopped up his body and cooked the dismembered remains, has been convicted of manslaughter and shipped off to an insane asylum for an indefinite stay.

According to authorities in

had been keeping a mistress for the past 13 years and made no effort to hide the long-running affair from his wife, Ms Kit-chee, 58.

Prosecutor John McNamara said Fu taunted his wife by flaunting his relationship with the younger woman and his wife finally snapped.

McNamara said Ms Kit-chee first tried to get even by having

husband. The trio crept into Fu's apartment while he was sleeping and managed to tie him up and blindfold him. But when the two demanded $300,000, Fu flatly refused and the men went away empty-handed.

The next day Ms Kit-chee decided to take matters into her own hands.

Investigators said Fu was

and caved in his skull with a hammer.

After killing Fu, Ms Kit-chee dragged the body into the kitchen and hacked it into pieces with a meat cleaver. Police received a tip and went to the apartment where they found Ms Kit-chee taking her husband's remains in the oven. She showed no surprise when police arrested her.

Sunday dinner," the prosecutor said.

Ms Kit-chee was found guilty of manslaughter and sent to a mental hospital. Her brother was given a two-year suspended sentence for false imprisonment, while the other two men involved in the botched robbery of Fu were granted immunity in exchange for testifying.

COP BLASTED FOR PASSING GAS

By JOE BERGER

Pleading patrolman Juan Gomez said he just couldn't help himself, but police bigwigs suspended windy Juan for a week — for passing gas in front of two helpless handcuffed prisoners!

Los Angeles Police Commander William Booth says the naughty officer was suspended for being "intentionally flatulent. What patrolman Gomez did was gross and demeaning," the ticked-off boss told reporters.

"It's just not the kind of thing we want our officers to do in front of prisoners or anybody else."

Ginny Gomez, a four-year veteran, blew his chance for a spotless record with the department when he let rip a blast at the recently elevated suspects at Los Angeles' Hollenbeck station.

The hapless lawman insists the windy incident occurred because he was having stomach problems and just couldn't hold back.

But the prisoners who took the brunt of Gomez' nitrogen assault told the brass to say, "Check this out," seconds before sounding off less than a foot from one of the manacled men.

A number-faced appeals board ruled that the hassle officer let fly on purpose and recommended that the chief's decision to suspend him be enforced, even though past evaluations found Gomez to be an outstanding policeman.

Dad steals — to get at kids' killer!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Distraught dad Ernest Mann Sr. committed a crime so he could go to jail and get his hands on the monster who massacred his four children, say cops.

"I wanted to see the creep face to face," the angry dad told officer Don Marquis.

"He stabbed my only son 67 times and butchered my three daughters."

Mann hoped to be put in the same San Antonio, Tex., cell with Lee Harvey Jr., 20, the knife-wielding killer sentenced to die for slaughtering his kids.

The brooding father told cops who arrested him that "something snapped inside him" when he heard on a radio for the first time since the slaying last April that his son, Ernest Jr., 11, was virtually chopped to pieces.

Also slain in the vicious bloodbath were his daughters, Jennifer, 9, Shannon, 12, and Martha, 13. Harvey was Shannon's jilted ex-boyfriend.

Cops who arrested Mann, 38, as he stole garden hoses and lawn chairs from in front of homes, said he seemed "happy and relieved" when he was caught and taken to the Bexar County Jail around 1:30 a.m.

"All he wanted was five minutes alone in a cell with Harvey," a police officer told The NEWS. "Being a father myself, I know how he felt."

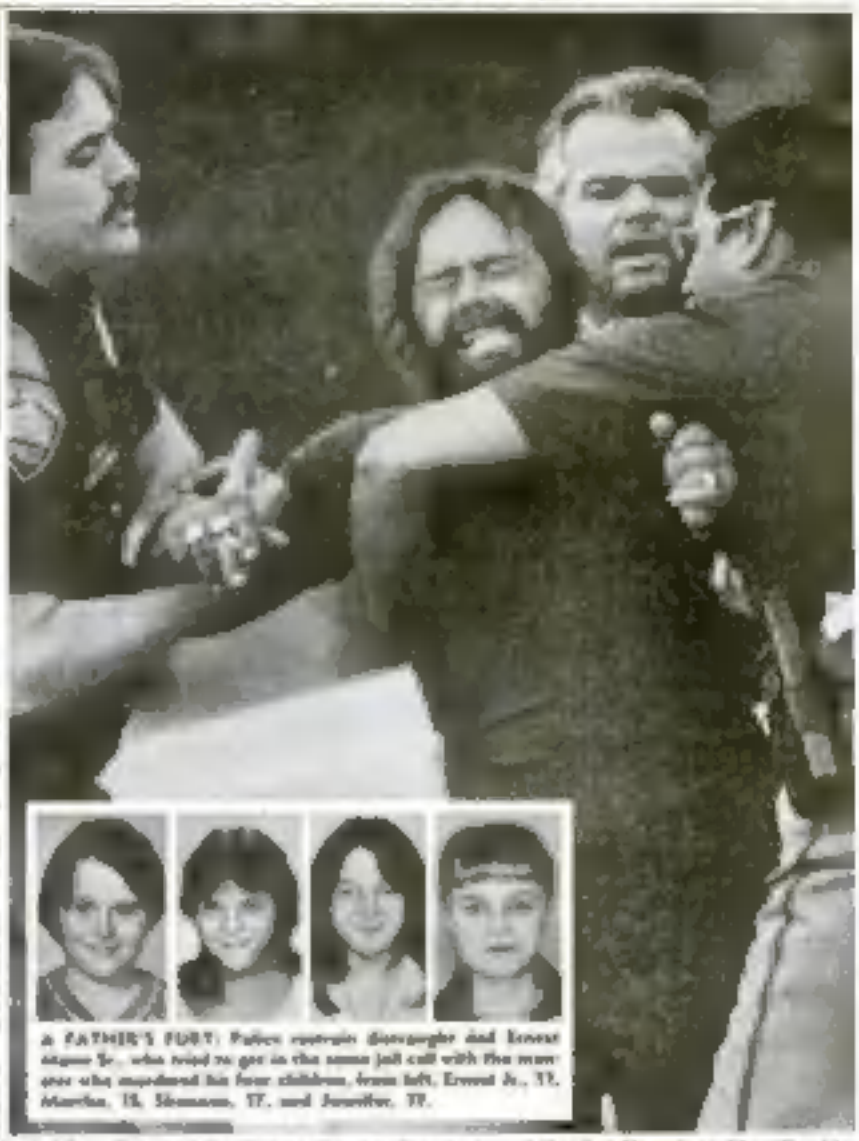
But the vengeful father didn't know that Harvey already had been transferred to Death Row at Huntsville prison.

"Yeah, I stole the stuff. I'm guilty," said heartbroken Mann when a judge fined him $80 on the misdemeanor charge of theft under $20.

"The poor guy hasn't slept a full night since the murders last April," said a cop. "It gnaws on him that Harvey is still alive."

The killer used five knives in the vicious murders, attacking the kids as they slept in their trailer home.

He tries to get put in cell with brutal murderer



A FATHER'S PUSH: Police restrain distraught dad Ernest Mann Sr., who tried to get in the same jail cell with the man over who murdered his four children, from left, Ernest Jr., 11, Martha, 13, Shannon, 12, and Jennifer, 9.

SAVAGE killer Lee Harvey Jr., 20, butchered the Mann children in their home.

Mann related from Ernest at the time Harvey could languish on death row for years and may even get a new trial, or a reprieve from the death sentence.

His lawyer has already filed notice he plans to appeal the conviction. "Mr. Mann said he hurts inside every time he thinks about his kids being slaughtered," said an officer who talked to the grief-stricken father. "He's a healthy man but Harvey could motivate him if the bleeding hearts get their way," said the cop.

"He's hoping Harvey will get 'prison justice' from other convicts. They don't take kindly to kid killers."

Younger rivals don't worry older gals

Older women are not nearly as afraid of losing their hubbies to younger gals as most people believe, a surprising new survey shows.

And that's probably because most women over 35 think they reached their peak at about 31 and would choose to remain 31 years of age all

magazine and Avon cosmetics company said they worry about younger rivals.

they'd like to be 42 forever and that 34 was the perfect age.

The survey showed that most women (81 percent) felt younger than their chronological age, but a large percentage (34 percent) felt their age and an unhappy 13 percent

TEACHER MOLINA . . . my only crime is love.

I'm being crucified because I want to wed a teenager

. . . says 50-year-old high school teacher

By PETE COOKE

A 50-year-old teacher vowed to fight for his job after he was fired for falling in love with a high school sophomore!

"If I broke a rule, it is that I fell in love with her," Mauro Molina said after school officials suspended him for dating a 16-year-old girl.

"I believe I have to be happy with a woman, and she is the type of girl I need," Molina said. "She's very honest, loyal and has a strong personality."

The Spanish teacher's teenage flame, a sophomore at South Houston High School in Pasadena, Tex., said the controversy hasn't changed her feelings for Molina.

"I love him and I want to marry him," she said. "He's funny, respectful and a nice person to be with. He treats me right and I really like the way he is."

The girl, who has not been publicly identified, said Molina was her teacher in sixth, seventh and eighth grade, but they didn't start dating until after she entered high school.

"When I was in the sixth grade, I used to hate him," she said. "I liked another teacher better. Then we fell in love."

Following his suspension, Molina, who is divorced, demanded a hearing before the school board. The hearing ended in a unanimous vote in favor of firing Molina. But afterward, Molina and his girlfriend said they will fight to get his job back and still plan to marry.

"I told him I was going to stick with him to the end, and I'm going to keep my word," the teen said. "Why does it have to be this way? Why can't people see our side?"

"I hope her family would come to an agreement to consent for her to marry me," Molina said.

School district spokesman Kirk Lewis said the girl's family has decided not to press charges against Molina.

He said the teen has stopped attending classes.

'Nasty little spaceman' invades farm

A Polish farmer says his farm was invaded by "a nasty little spaceman with the manners of a Ukrainian pig."

Stefan Kaczewski, 37, said a small green spaceship landed in the cow pasture of his 50-acre farm near Gdansk.

"A little man got out of the ship and then screamed at me in a strange language because he stepped on a cow plop," Kaczewski said.

The 6-foot-6-inch beet farmer said he invited his pint-sized visitor inside and got screamed at again when he gave the alien a meal of milk and rye bread.

"He spat the milk on the floor and threw the bread at my head," Kaczewski said. "He then squeezed some yellow stuff from a tube and ate it, nodding his head to make me understand that it was good.

"The stuff was thick and smelled like sulphur."

Kaczewski said the little spaceman jumped up and down in a rage when the farmer's dog tried to lick his face.

"He kicked my dog," Kaczewski said. "That was the last straw. I tossed him out on his ear."

Police are investigating the incident.

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Kiddie gang attacks WW2 vet — & HE ends up going to jail!

By JACK ALEXANDER

When a gang of kids beat him with a rake and threatened to carve out his liver, terrified retiree Ed White zapped them with tear gas — and cops arrested HIM!

"What was I supposed to do? Let them kill me and my 85-year-old mother?" exclaimed the World War 2 Marine vet. "Hell, one of 'em threw a chair at her."

In an outrageous miscarriage of justice, cops in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, charged White, 70, with seven counts of assault. He later was fined $100 on a reduced charge of malicious mischief.

"It cost me $500 bond that I won't get back to get out of jail and I may have to pay hospital emergency room costs for the seven kids I guessed," said the ex-gunnery sergeant.

White's problem began one evening while he and his mother, Jean, were relaxing in their living room. Outside, neighbor kids were shooting off firecrackers.

"My mother asked if I would go outside and tell them to stop," said White. "When I asked them to quiet down, they began yelling four-letter words and threatened to kill me.

"They said they had knives and were going to carve out my liver and fry it. One of them threw a chair at Mom, who was standing in the doorway.

"I heard one of them scream, 'Get him, kill him. This is war.' Then they began hitting me on the back of my legs with a rake. As long as they wanted to play war, I figured I'd play, too. I whipped out my small tear gas can, flipped off the lock and squirted the gas in the air. All seven of them went down."

White said "all hell broke loose" then. Someone called the police and ambulances. The five boys and two girls, ages 8 to 14, were taken to a hospital for treatment of irritated eyes and skin. White was taken to jail.

"You don't have a right to protect yourself in this country any more," said White. "I was wounded in the Pacific trying to protect this country, though.

"The judge said I should have called the police. They were beating me with a rake. I thought they were going to kill me. There wasn't time to call police.

"I just wanted to scare them with the tear gas the way they were scaring me. My mother and I were upset."

White said the cops and Judge Michael Newmeister treated the kids like "they were a bunch of angels."

"All I asked them to do was quiet down because they were disturbing my mother," he said. "If they would have just done that, nothing else would have happened."

One of the kids admitted in court he had a knife when White confronted them, but said he didn't draw it.

DETROIT Ed White says he feared for his life when the young gang beat him with a rake and yelled obscenities.

Potato shocker!

Peasants in 17th century Germany who wouldn't plant potatoes to solve the food shortage had their noses and ears cut off on orders from King Frederick William!

Tot drowns in tub while his mom talks to police at the front door

A 14-month-old baby drowned in a bathtub when his mother ran down the stairs to talk to police — who had knocked on her front door.

Cops were responding to a phone call from Joanne Jacks and didn't know her son, Kevin, was left upstairs alone in the tub, according to an inquest in Norwich, England.

"She came down the stairs with her 3-year-old, and the baby drowned during the period the officers were at the door, which was less than four minutes," said Detective Inspector Ivan Thompson. There was no testimony at the inquest explaining why Mrs. Jacks, 31, had called police in the first place.

Tall man knocks his head on the door & dies!

Towering ex-British diplomat Kit Kenney was too tall for his retirement cottage and was always hitting his head — then he took one blow too many and died!

Kenney, 75, was 6-foot 4-inches tall. He apparently struck his head on a door frame, had a brain hemorrhage and died in his home in Harlsdown, England.

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H-bombs from Heaven wiped out dinosaurs

. . . says professor who found incredible evidence in Siberia

DINOSAURS went out with a bang, not a whimper, thanks to heavenly H-bombs, says a Dutch professor.

By RAGAN DUNN

God wiped out the dinosaurs with the heavenly equivalent of hydrogen bombs over 65 million years ago!

That is the claim of Dutch paleontologist Peter Gerits, who found both high levels of radiation and the remains of dinosaurs in an ugly-old crater in Siberia.

"God destroyed the dinosaurs with nuclear weapons rainmissed from the vastness of Heaven," Professor Gerits told reporters in Amsterdam.

"I would presume that He considered the dinosaurs to be a failed experiment. They weren't evolving.

"So He destroyed them in a nuclear holocaust — bomb after bomb followed by the dark and cold of a harrowing nuclear winter."

The expert's report touched off a storm of controversy among scientists, many of whom agreed that the dinosaurs were wiped out in a holocaust — but doubted that God

Swiss geologist, Hully stated that the dinosaurs froze to death after a gigantic meteor slammed to Earth, kicking up millions of tons of dust and dirt that blocked out the sun for years.

"I used to believe that theory — but now I know better," said Professor Gerits. "Soil samples that I brought back from my extensive scientific studies in Siberia are radioactive and are at least 65 million years old.

"There is absolutely no evidence that a meteor or meteors fell on that spot. In fact, there is every indication that the damage was caused by the detonation of hydrogen bombs that were dropped from Heaven above.

"God saw He had made a mistake and took steps to correct it," he continued. "God

doubt about it," Gerits said.

Theology professor Louis Landsthal of Amsterdam called Professor Gerits' comments "fascinating." He went on to say that the expert's theory, when and if it is proved, might well confirm the existence of God.

"The terrible power of the Lord is mentioned time and again in the Bible," he said, "but that is something we must accept on faith alone.

"If Professor Gerits is correct, if hydrogen bombs were dropped on the dinosaurs, then we have solid proof that

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Vicious high school teens kill buddy with baseball bats — as a sacrifice to Satan!

By PETE COORI

Three high school buddies, including the student body president, were jailed for life after they beat a friend to death with baseball bats — as a bloody sacrifice to Satan!

The horrifying murder took place in quiet Carl Junction, Missouri, where a small group of teenagers who dabbled in the occult decided 16-year-old Steve Newberry must die.

The deadly drama began one afternoon as student body president Jim Hardy and six classmates sat around concocting ludicrous candidates for a human sacrifice. Someone mentioned pudgy Steve Newberry.

A punch later Jim Hardy was in his psychology class when Ron Clements asked if he'd ever seriously considered killing a person.

"I said, 'Yeah.' I mean, you know, we talked about it a lot." And he said, 'Well, let's kill Steve,'" Hardy recalled.

Steve Newberry was an outcast who desperately wanted to fit in with Hardy and his friends. Steve even went along with the group when they tortured and killed animals.

"I was fascinated by death," Hardy said. "I always had the obsession with killing things. I couldn't just shoot a bird and watch it die. I had to tear it up."

On the day of the murder Hardy caught a black and white kitten and dropped it into a mesh bag. Then he called Steve and invited him to come along when they killed the animal.

That night Steve climbed into a car with Hardy, Ron Clements and Pete Ruland.

They took a ride into the country where they shot the big with the kitten in it to a

Steve Newberry

tree and took turns stabbing it with baseball bats until the kitten was dead.

Then Steve said he thought they had "something bigger to kill." As it happened, what he said in mind was a human being.

Moments later Jim Hardy dragged Steve to the face with his bat. The terrified teen ran for his life screaming, "Why me, you guys? Why me?"

"Because it's fun, Steve," Clements laughed when the three hot-wielding teenagers caught up with their prey.

The way Clements said it, it was real nothing, like you'd talk to a little kid," Hardy said.

"I think that just freaked Steve out, because he kinda stopped and turned around, like maybe they're not going to kill me after all."

Steve pulled some 20 blows from baseball bats before his body was tied to a boulder and dropped into an abandoned mine where it was killed."

Jim Hardy

Ron Clements

Pete Ruland

was later found by detectives. When questioned by police, Ron Clements quickly confessed. He and Pete Ruland were convicted of murder.

Hardy pleaded guilty to charges earlier.

"I don't even know why we killed Steve," Hardy told reporters as a prison interviewer. "It was like any other animal we killed."

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'FAT' BARB SENDS FERGIE INTO A RAGE!

BRIAN TAD — Bodyguard rattled Prince Andrew's fiery-haired wife, Sarah Ferguson, by interfering his calorie intake at a London bar.

Prince Andrew's newly svelte wife Sarah Ferguson flew into a rage at a posh London bar when her bodyguard chewed her out for drinking fattening cocktails.

"Do you know how many calories there are in those things?" detective **Brian Baston** told Fergie, pointing to the empty margarita glasses.

Prince Andrew's wife goes ape after her bodyguard scolds her for drinking too much

The well-intentioned remark sent Fergie into a fury.

"I can't believe you said that," she yelled at the policeman, shocking the other customers at Harry's Bar.

"How could you say such a thing?" screamed the peeved Royal.

Fergie and two women friends were enjoying a girls' night out at the bar and reportedly enjoying their drinks. The tab for their outing turned out to be more $200.

Apparently, the policeman was concerned for Fergie, who had just shed 48 pounds of fluid after giving birth to her daughter Bea.

He knew that the drinks were filled with sweeteners and high-calorie liquor and made his remark.

glasses and asked the Duchess (Fergie) if she realized how fattening they were.

"She absolutely let him have it," said the bartender.

Meanwhile, Fergie's mother-in-law Queen Elizabeth reportedly was furious with Fergie for making a public scene.

"The Queen isn't concerned what the row was about," said a palace source. "She is furious that it took place in public." — *London News of the World and Sun*

★ ★ ★

And yet another bizarre story about past-lifetiving superstar Shirley MacLaine.

Movie theater manager Mark Cross says Shirl dropped by his Manhattan cinema one day when it was showing the chiller-flick Dead Ringers about the weirdo twins who were gynecologists, starring Jeremy Irons.

Shirl wasn't sure she wanted to see the flick, telling Mark it might give her the blues.

and if I like it, I'll come back another day and pay," he claims the actress told him.

So he let her in, she saw it and left. Mark says he's still waiting for her to come back and pay.

Maybe Shirl will cough up the dough in her next life. — New York Daily News.

★ ★ ★

Superman star John Bitter is busy moonlighting by putting a stethoscope that teaches students how to get better grades in school.

John made one of those long cable TV ads that looks like he's hosting a talk show, but is really a sales pitch for the wipes.

"John looked at it like a public service announcement," explains the actor's lawyer Bob Klyman.

Of course, John is getting paid for his public service by the tape company — New York Post

★ ★ ★

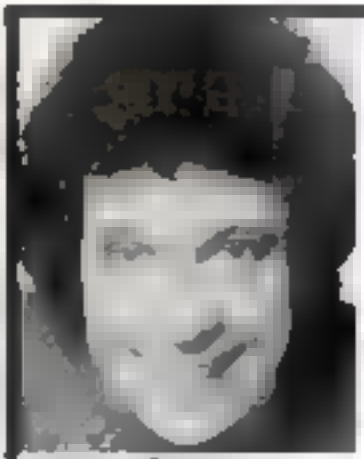
Funny gal Lily Tomlin played her hometown of Detroit and talked about visiting her old high school and teachers.

"... Maybe my sewing class teacher, Mrs. Baldwin, who might remember me because while trying to make a blouse, I sewed the sleeve into the neck," she chuckled.

"I wasn't into sewing. I was in pre-nursing." — Asbury Americus Shaker-town

★ ★ ★

Super hunk **John F. Kennedy Jr.** is a dating whiz with another Turnbull & Asser honey. After washing Wall Street tycoon Daryl Hannah about on a Big Apple fun night, young John's thoughts turned to a romantic evening with pert



Tom Jones

Crazed fan terrorizes [illegible] Tom Jones

Singing heartthrob Tom Jones says he's been terrorized by a love-crazed fan who stalked him across America demanding he make love to her.

"It was terrifying," says Tom, who wrecked dozens of his Elvis-like sweat-lapped scarves onstage. "She tried to pass herself off as Mrs. Tom Jones and I don't know how she did it, but every night wherever I sang, she'd be there in the front row."

One night, the crooner decided to confront the tropical fan and find out what her problem was.

"She pushed me into a room so we were all alone and started pleading: 'You don't understand. I love you. I've always loved you.

"I tried [illegible]."

Tom says he finally cajoled in surrender to get the kinky-panty-minded twist off his back.

Whew, it's tough being a sexy star — Lesbian Suicide Squad

Michael Jackson barred from his sister's door

Molly Ringwald, star of Pretty in Pink and Fresh Horses

John reserved a cozy and quiet table at a nitty eatery after the manager assured him the place wasn't too filled with folks.

Guess John didn't mind any [illegible] — other than Molly, that is. — New York Daily News

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Luscious letter-turner **Vanna White** got blasted by the critics for her first acting role in the TV flick Goddess of Love, but she says that's not what's important.

"Well, I'll be honest. I [illegible]

Sixty — Women's magazine says

chums between good ratings or good notices, I'd take the good ratings," sighed Vanna.

Vanna got her wish. The critics hated her, but her show ranked No. 20 in the weekly ratings. — Winnipeg Free Press

★ ★ ★

A strange report in a Lansing paper claims super rocker Michael Jackson flew in the Big Apple to see his singing sister La Toya and was turned away at her penthouse suite.

"Michael didn't even get past the foyer," says a source who claims that Mike was kept from entering by La Toya's manager.

Mike and other visitors were supposedly told that La Toya is resting up for a concert tour and DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED. — London People

★ ★ ★

Those men-watchers at Playgirl have come up with a list of the UNSEXIEST men in America and some of Tinsel Town's big names made the honor roll.

Madonna's love-fisted hubby Sean Penn was voted with the consensus, "We would recommend an orthodontist." Super rocker Michael Jackson was labeled "eerily unsexy."

Las Vegas kingpin Wayne Newton got a mention with the remark "Even Mother ... is having second thoughts." — New York Daily News

★ ★ ★

Superman star Christopher Reeve dropped his longtime gal pal and bride of his two kids Gae Exton to go roaring mad Gae's dad is miffed enough to take a poke at the movie man of steel.

"If I came face to face with him now I'd ban him also," says angry dad Clive Exton.

"I don't know about Superman. Super Rat would be nearer the truth."

Clive is in a tizzy because sonny-boy Chris reportedly promised to give Gae some big bucks, but hasn't coughed up the dough. He says he can't that surprised that Chris decided to start fooling around.

"He's always had a roving eye for women," says Clive. "He's a good-looking guy and has had thousands of women throwing themselves at his feet.

"Only half a man would shy me to such temptation.

"Gae knew he had a roving eye, but what good-looking guy hasn't." — Abe

Tommy starlet Cheyenne Mascarpone is a book worm who likes nothing better than to curl up with a volume of philosophy. When not reflecting on Plato, you'll find her guesting on TV shows like "Murder She Wrote" or on big screen hits like Lethal Weapon

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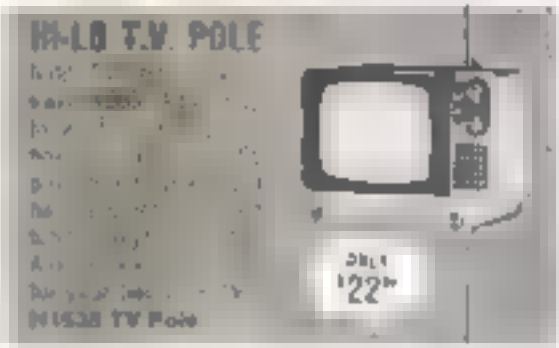

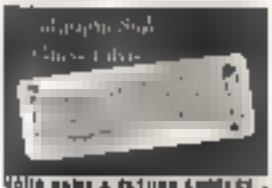

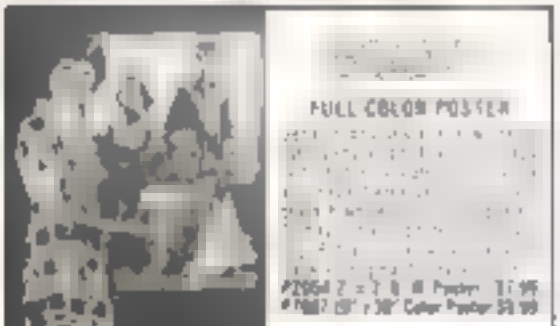

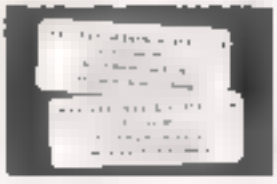

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The NEWS put [illegible] with half a body on [illegible] road to fame

Kid Courage stars in hit movie!

HAPPY Kenny Easterday, 14, believes his new action movie hit "Kid Brother" has changed people's attitudes toward the handicapped.

By SUSAN JAMISON

Courageous Kenny Easterday may have only half a body, but he's got the attention of the whole world now that he's a movie star — and his new-found fame has changed his life.

The NEWS launched Kenny on the road to stardom in 1983, when the brave boy was featured in a front page story. Sean Gilgannon wrote to Kenny's family, asking to make a movie about his struggles to lead a normal life.

Now the 14-year-old is star of a movie that has made box office history in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Canada.

The film is scheduled for release in Germany, Spain, Belgium, Italy and France where only basic publicity has already made Kenny a celebrity.

Within months the film will reach American audiences and Kenny will be a huge at home, too.

Before Kenny started his film career he rarely strayed away from his home in Aliquippa, Pa., but now he's a world traveler.

And instead of suspicious horror at strangers, he's greeted by fans like any filmdom whenever he goes out in public.

"The movie has made Kenny feel very proud," said Claude Lagron, director of Kenny's movie, "Kid Brother." "It changed people's attitudes toward Kenny and Kenny believes it has changed peoples attitudes toward the handicapped around the world.

"Three years ago when people saw him they ran away. They were scared or angry and screamed at his parents 'How could you take him out in public?'

"Now people everywhere want to talk to him. Much has been done and superstar in Asia and Europe and soon will be in America, too."

Kenny was born with a fragile birth defect that left him without a spine from the mid-back to the pelvis. When he was 6 months old, doctors removed his useless legs and created

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BRIDE RUNS OFF WITH BEST MAN

THE story that launched courageous Kenny on the road to stardom appeared in the February 3 1983, "NEWS."

boots so Kenny could sit up normally. Today, Kenny gets around using a skateboard. He's in excellent health and his future looks bright.

Lagron. "He is clever and has great resistance. I think he has a future as full of possibilities as any other kid his age.

that he could do about anything he sets his mind to. He doesn't worry about his handicaps, they're no big deal to him. I don't think they'll hold

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Nightmare horror of [redacted] who survived [redacted] living [redacted]

I was buried alive!

By JOE SIEGEL

Bloodthirsty thugs beat a wealthy widow and her maid senseless and buried them alive deep in the forest — but the courageous ladies clawed their way to safety and helped cops track down their would-be murderers!

"This is definitely one of the most brutal and bizarre cases in my memory," police investigator Nasrul Duta told reporters in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"The victims proved to be two very remarkable, and very lucky, women."

The hair-raising tale began when one of the ruthless crooks showed up at grief-stricken Sumi Law's home outside Jakarta several weeks after her industrialist husband was killed in a traffic accident while on business in Australia.

"The man was a casual acquaintance because he had worked for Mrs. Law's late husband," Detective Duta said.

"He lured the woman into the forest by telling her he had something to show her. He even suggested that he wanted to marry her.

"Mrs. Law was gullible and she went along — but she was armed [illegible], that she asked her maid to come with them."

When they reached a clearing in the forest, the 35-year-old widow and her 19-year-old maid like [illegible] were ambushed by four ruthless robbers who bashed them over the head with logs.

Thinking the unconscious women were dead, the crooks ripped their purses and their jewelry and turned them under three feet of dirt and brush.

"I woke up and I was choking with dirt in my mouth and eyes," the horrified housewife said later.

"I could not see and I couldn't breathe. When I realized what had happened, I started digging toward the top with my hands. I heard Miss Grace and then I felt her digging with me.

"I was buried alive in there, and I was sure I would never get out."

But within minutes, the dazed ladies managed to claw their way out of the grave and stagger to the nearest home for help.

"Both victims suffered concussions and were battered almost beyond recognition," Detective Duta said. "But they are recovering and doctors say they have no permanent damage.

"With their help, we had little trouble locating the animals who attacked them and we have them in jail."

The suspects, ages 20 to 31, are awaiting trial on charges of robbery and attempted murder.

"I started digging . . . I was choking with dirt . . . I couldn't see . . . I couldn't even breathe"

Rubber maid

JODIE Moore, a girl who dislikes school, is a sight for sore eyes when she runs here in what a rubber reunion will cost this budget — it costs MORE

The son of Moby Dick?

A rare white whale was spotted by Japanese fishermen in the South Atlantic. The 50-foot long sperm whale was said to be pure white all over and from a distance looked like an iceberg. The fishermen watched the whale for 20 minutes before it disappeared.

Bullet kills teen [redacted] he kisses his girl

High school sweethearts Dale Brown and Joanne Kimbrough sat kissing in the shade of a tree when a hunter fired a bullet through Dale's brain and into Joanne's arm.

The lethal metal-jacketed 30-06 bullet that snuffed out the teenager's life was fired by a hunter who thought he was shooting a deer, cops say.

The man believed to be that deer hunter, 31-year-old J.B. Silvester of Sunset, S.C., is charged with involuntary manslaughter. He is free on a $20,000 bond.

The tragic shooting took place on a farm in Greene County, Ga., where 18-year-old Dale and 15-year-old Joanne had gone to spend some quiet time alone.

"They were a beautiful couple together," Joanne's father, Bob said. "They were school sweethearts. It was first love."

Kimbrough had driven the two kids to the farm owned by Coleman Marks, Dale's grandfather. In the early afternoon, the sweethearts went for a stroll.

They came to a shady spot and decided to sit under a tree. They chatted for a while and hugged and kissed.

Then a single shot shattered the countryside silence, and Dale's life was over.

The bullet tore through Dale's skull, then ripped into Joanne's forearm. She leaped to her feet and ran screaming with blood gushing from her wound.

Greene County Police Chief Larry Brice said Joanne fell to the ground and was found by Silvester, who tried to stop the bleeding and took the girl back to the farmhouse.

"Silvester said he had heard a noise, saw what he thought was a deer and fired," Chief Brice told The NEWS.

"He took a blind shot and broke every rule of hunting by shooting at an unidentified object. It's a horrible tragedy."

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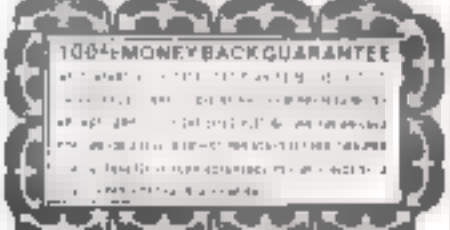

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This evil man shoved his two young sons into a 1,300-degree foundry furnace, cops say. Now his wife says she wants him back!

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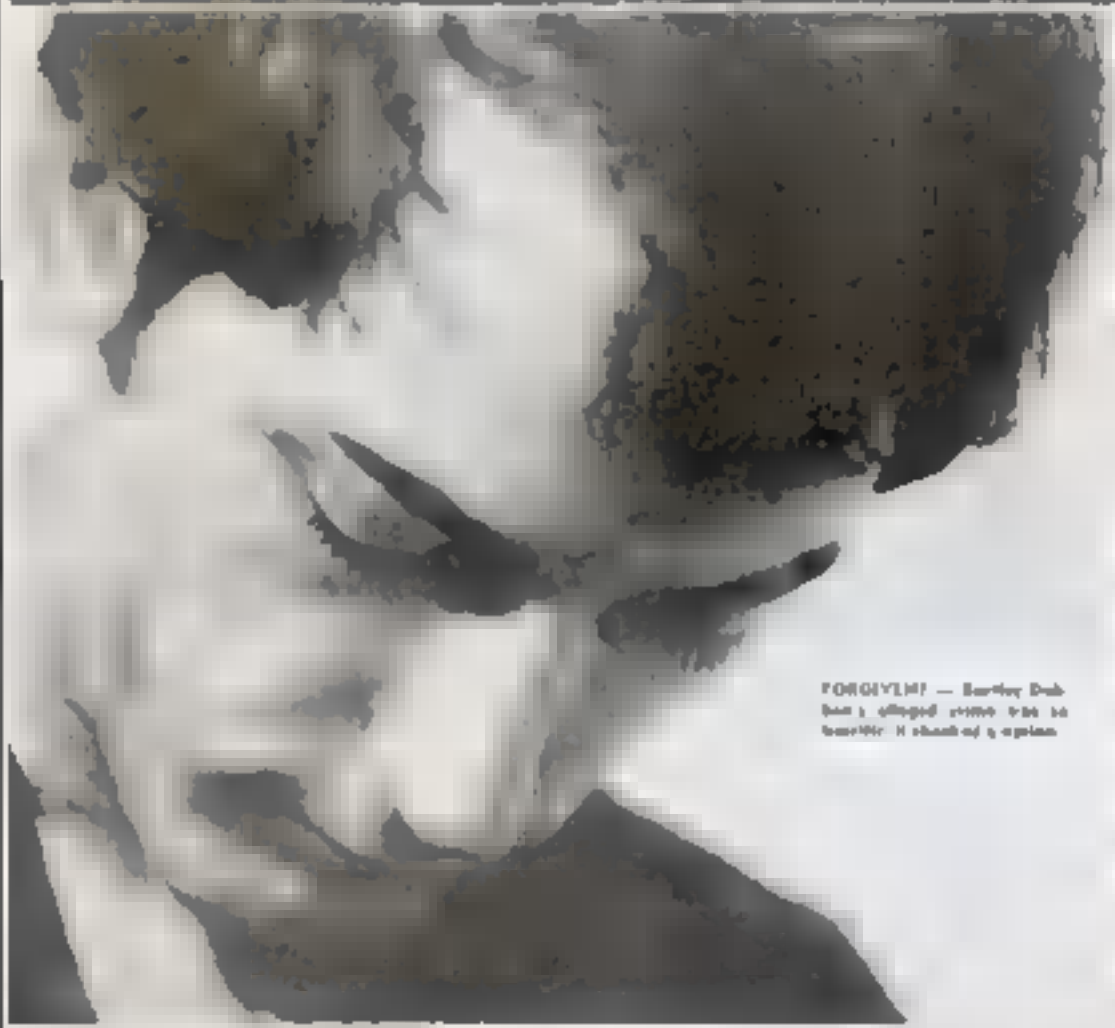

FORGIVEN? — Bentley Dodson's alleged victim was so terrified it shook off a cop's grip

By PETE COOKE

The wife of a man charged with murdering their two young sons by shoving them into a 1,300-degree foundry furnace says all is forgiven and she wants him home so they can make a fresh start with their new baby son.

The scattering of the kids shocked the nation last week on Thanksgiving Day as Bentley Dodson Jr. pregnant wife Susan and their little boys drove to Dodson's parents' home for a holiday dinner. On the way, Dodson Jr. said he wanted to stop off at the Middleport Metal Foundry where he wished to pick up his tools and show his sons around.

Mrs. Dodson waited in the car as her husband took little sons Bentley Joel 8 and Peter Jason 10 months in.

Dodson's pal Jack Shultz, talking security guards 'My children fell into the furnace.

I put them in the furnace, and then I burned the bodies.'

Authorities say Dodson incinerated his kids in the 1,300-degree furnace.

"It was the most horrible [illegible] — just [illegible] unbelievable," said prosecutor Harold Hess.

Since his arrest Dodson has been confined to the Michigan state hospital for the criminally insane. Psychiatrists [illegible]

The prosecutor said Dodson is competent to stand trial.

"I want him home," said Mrs. Dodson. "With me."

"One of the first counselors at Faithful told me that I couldn't just forgive him," Mrs. Dodson said. "I asked him 'Why not?' I said, 'You're telling me that I can't be a Christian? I can't forgive?'"

If Dodson does win his freedom, his wife said the couple will pick up where they left off and make a new life with son Justin.

Teen gets $125Gs in strip search boo-boo

A jury said school officials were wrong when they strip-searched a teenage girl four years ago — and ordered them to pay her $125,000.

Kara Strange was 13 years old in 1984 when personnel at a New York City school said they could frisk her for contraband. None was found.

"The allegation was that she was sent by school personnel in possession of a small quantity [illegible] as cocaine marijuana," said City Attorney Elvin Klecke.

"They said we if I didn't [illegible]

Winnie the Pooh's forest sold!

The Ashdown Forest that [illegible] was the home of Winnie the Pooh has been sold in real life.

[illegible] popular Winnie the Pooh tales was part of [illegible]

FOODS THAT PUT THE XING BACK IN YOUR LOVE LIFE!

By SUSAN [illegible]

Today's high-stress life-style often leads to burn out in the bedroom, experts say, but you can put the sizzle back in your sex life — just by changing your diet.

Researchers have learned that certain foods boost a drooping drive by raising energy levels and improving physical performance. Including them in your diet will ensure you get the vitamins and minerals you need to be at your best.

Eating right [illegible] fill you with energy and [illegible] that awful bedroom burnout

Eat a normal, well-balanced menu and then, to sweeten your times between the sheets, try the passion foods suggested below:

Seafood: A recent survey of adult Americans revealed that 79 percent liked to get in the mood for romance with a light dinner of shellfish and salad.

Many people believe seafood is a powerful love potion — and while that's never been proven, believing it is so can improve performance.

What's more, seafood is rich in iodine, a substance that helps prevent sterility and depression.

Chocolate: Your favorite candy bar may contain phenylethylalanine, an ingredient found in cocoa. The chemical has an effect on regulators of the brain's pleasure centers and eating it just may fire you up for romance.

Nuts, Seeds and Whole Grains: These will give you calcium, a mineral needed to improve strength and prevent over-excitement during lovemaking. What's more, calcium affects the menstrual cycle in women and regulates fertility levels.

Dried Fruits and Bananas: There's a lot of [illegible]

man power contained in these foods because they provide potassium, a mineral that is needed to stimulate hormone production and to ensure healthy muscles and nerves.

Too little of this mineral could lead to weakness and loss of coordination.

Bean Sprouts: A nibble of sprouts now and then will supply your body with silicon, a mineral that keeps nerves healthy and responsive to sexy stimulation.

Cabbage, Broccoli and Cauliflower: These crispy veggies may taste bland but will add spice to your love life. They contain sulfur, a mineral that provides pep and vigor for romance.

Codfish Roe: Strange as it seems, the eggs of the codfish pack a wallop when it comes to mating. They are high in phosphorus, a substance needed by the brain and nerves to stay in peak condition.

Liver and Eggs: Keep your strength up with these iron-packed foods that help prevent anemia. Liver and eggs ensure an iron-rich supply of blood in the brain, stimulating sexual desire and lessening fatigue. You [illegible] from the [illegible] lack of interest in sex.

Celery: Believe it or not, sex is better with celery. The crunchy veggie provides sodium, a mineral that neutral-

izes acids, helps digestion and makes you feel hale, hearty — and ready for love.

Bride [illegible] $5Gs from job to pay [illegible] to a cop

Embezzling bride Kelly Susan Horton stole $4,879 from the bank where she worked — so she could pay for a deluxe wedding when she married her sheriff's deputy beau.

By BEATRICE DEXTER

But the Owego, Mich., woman was caught by authorities and pleaded guilty to the crime. She is now serving 30 days in jail and four years' probation, but the tongue-lashing she received from the judge at her trial was the hardest punishment of all.

"[illegible] shallowest," said U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen to the 24-year-old embezzler at her sentencing. "What a terrible crime to commit."

According to court documents, Mrs. Horton stole the money shortly before her [illegible] Bank in Plainwell, Mich., at the time.

Court papers revealed she spent $[illegible] of her ill-gotten gains on a bridal veil, $[illegible] for a [illegible], $[illegible] for invitations, $100 for a wedding cake and $[illegible] for a band. At her trial the soft-eyed wife explained that she had stolen the money because she wanted a spectacular wedding and apologized for her behavior. But angry [illegible] him to pity.

"You say that what you wanted was to look as good as your sister or better," he said in a lecture to the defendant to be passed sentence. "Your father had already contributed money that he probably did not have and you repaid that kindness by stealing.

"You took the money, not for a drug habit or to help somebody, but for the [illegible] [illegible] good for an hour or two.

"Sometimes I don't like my job and this is one of those days — this makes me ill, it should make you ill and I'm sure it makes your family ill," he said.

"You knew your fiance was a law enforcement officer, but it wasn't important to you that he might be embarrassed. What a terrible crime to commit."

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Dear Countess Suleski: My sister and her husband came over to visit a few weeks ago and we all started drinking. My husband went to bed and my sister fell asleep on the couch.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but my brother-in-law and me there went into the kitchen and made love.

Now I don't want to tell my husband what happened. He might kill my brother-in-law or me. I'm so confused. What the my stars say? Should I tell my husband? I love him very much. I was born Sept. 30, 1953. — Weeping Virgo, Virginia.

Dear Virgo: The stars don't look good for you over the next few weeks and violence is a possibility. Don't tell a lie because that doesn't let anything like this happen again.

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Dear Countess Suleski: I was born Jan. 31, 1938. I have a grandson who has a bad skin problem and also mental problems. Will he get better from the help there's being offered him? — H.B. Parker, Pa.

Dear H.B.: There is no guarantee for the exact time frame, but the stars say that negative energy can respond good news for an eldest sufferer. Encourage your grandson to cooperate with the counselors. I have a good feeling about this situation. With you by his corner, I'm sure he's going to be all right.

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Dear Countess Suleski: I was born April 11, 1953. I will be retiring in less than two years. I would like so much to have a letter of my sons to follow in. Do you see we are getting any money in the near future so I can buy one? — G.P., Macon, Missouri.

Dear G.P.: You'll soon be receiving some interesting news in connection with your retirement. According to my charts, the particularly of your stars in 1989 promises that a great reward is coming your way. Check the classifieds in your daily paper each day of your birthday week as the opportunity you seek could be revealed at that time.

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Dear Countess Suleski: I was born Aug. 28, 1968. I got married about a year ago on Feb. 14, 1987. What is the outlook on my marriage? Will it last until I'm old and gray? — T.T., Wichita, Kans.

Dear T.T.: You share strong values uniting your wedding date.

St. Valentine's Day was made for lovers, and when the romantic Virgo is married on [illegible] the union is doubly blessed. My prayers and hopes are with you and all young couples.

You truly are our hope for the future.

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Dear Countess Suleski: I was born April 11, 1953, at noon. My stars keep telling me I'll come into some good fortune and a career if I'm patient. Is this true? — B.L.H., Mobile, Ala.

Dear B.L.H.: Good fortune does appear to be coming your way. But this does not mean that fame and wealth will be yours without any effort on your part. Be vigilant.

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Cure [illegible] cancer but kills patient

A tragic [illegible] of cancer — but died as a result of an accidental radiation overdose.

Pretty mother-of-two Marjorie Bruinkerstein, 47, only discovered her hospital had made the ghastly blunder when she saw the story on TV.

In the weeks that followed, she wasted away to just 68 pounds and lost the will to live.

Mrs. Bruinkerstein was one of 150 cancer patients who suffered a radiation overdose because of a wrong setting on a machine at a hospital in Exeter, England.

It happened because a medical physicist put his probationary period while setting the machine. After a second mistake two months later he was fired.

Mrs. Bruinkerstein died two months after receiving 81 percent more radiation than she should have.

She was cured of cancer, but died of complications caused by the overdose. The coroner recorded a verdict of "misadventure aggravated by lack of care." He declared: "I am satisfied her death was accelerated by the overdose."

The dead woman's husband plans to sue the hospital.

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Skydive has painful end

An angry sky diver is suing a parachute club for making him limp after a disastrous [illegible] turkey one.

Marvin Evans, 36, of Billingborough, England, says it's the club's fault he landed on his backside on the spikes of a [illegible]'s manure spreader.

Besides being terribly embarrassed, Evans said his injury was so severe he needed 36 pints of blood.

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Wife's anguished accusation in wake of Chernobyl disaster:

Radiation turned my husband into a frog!

• He sits on the TV and tries to catch flies

• He croaks like a bullfrog day and night

• He hops into backyard and looks for bugs

• He sits in bathtub and blows bubbles

By CHARLES TULLY

Straitlaced Alexei Nekrassov was a dignified scientist and scholar before Russia's Chernobyl nuclear disaster turned him into a wreck — who thinks he's a bug-eyed bullfrog!

"All that radiation made my poor husband a blithering idiot," said Alexei's weeping wife Olga.

"Before the accident, he was the world's most wonderful family man, and everyone looked up to him. Now he acts like some kind of toad."

Anguished Olga said 41-year-old Alexei

● Hops around the house and squats on top of the TV set trying to catch flies with his tongue.

● Croaks like a frog day and night.

● Bounds into the backyard looking for bugs after every rain.

● Lies in the bathtub for hours blowing soap bubbles with his mouth.

"This has been going on for months and it's driving me crazy," heartbroken Olga, 40, told reporters from her home outside Gdansk. "I'm afraid all those flies he's eating are going to kill him. They can't be good for him.

"Our children are 7 and 9 and they can't understand why their father hops and croaks all the time. In truth, no one else can understand it either."

Wacky Alexei was an engineer at the Chernobyl plant in April of 1986 when the worst nuclear power accident in history spewed radiation around the world.

"The government told my husband he was safe, and for some time he seemed perfectly normal," his weary wife recalled.

"Then, almost overnight, his mind turned to mush and he became convinced he really was a frog. And instead of getting better, he's getting steadily worse. I can see that now his eyes are starting to bulge."

The scientist-turned-frog has been examined by some top doctors and psychiatrists in the country but they've offered no answer.

I want them to put my husband in a hospital where he can get some help," Olga said.

HEARTBROKEN Olga Nekrassov, above right

Killer made woman into ground beef, say police

Cops say Thomas Fisher settled a spat with his girlfriend by strangling her, drowning her in the bathtub, dismembering her body and grinding up her remains in the garbage disposal!

Authorities in San Antonio, Tex., charged Fisher, 41, with the murder of Barbara Baughman, his 32-year-old live-in girlfriend.

Prosecutor Mario Delgrado told The NEWS that Fisher was arrested after an informant claimed Fisher described the grisly slaying to him.

Delgrado said Miss Baughman was killed after she and Fisher got into an argument in the home they'd shared for several months.

"According to the information provided to the police, Fisher strangled the victim with a cord, but she was still alive, so he drowned her in the bathtub," Delgrado said.

The prosecutor said the informant told police that when Miss Baughman was dead, Fisher chopped off her head and the hand and her fingers by grinding them up in his kitchen garbage disposal," Delgrado said.

By PETE COOKE

Investigators armed with a search warrant removed the garbage disposal and the pipes from under Fisher's kitchen sink.

Police found charred bone fragments in an alley that they believe came from Miss Baughman's fingers, but no theories have as yet turned the rest of the victim's body. Though the search continues in the area.

"There are indications of [illegible] the body being dumped somewhere," said Detective Rusty Brown. "We've searched several specific areas at least, but have not managed to find the woman's body."

Delgrado said Fisher, a salesman for a home improvement company, refused to cooperate with investigators at the time of his arrest.

Fisher was jailed on $100,000

PRETTY Barbara Baughman fell victim to vicious killer.

Flier's ring found at 1944 crash site

A high school class ring ripped from a Navy flier's finger when he was killed in a World War 2 plane crash has been found 44 years later.

Hiker Bob Young discovered the ring on Palomar Mountain in San Diego County, Calif., Tuesday and with the help of the military and police, Wilson located the dead pilot's brother.

Clinton Baker was one of 11 men who died in 1944 when a B-24 bomber and a fighter plane collided and crashed on the mountaintop.

An eagle was engraved on the ring from St. Joseph, Missouri. Technical Sgt. Wilson located the dead pilot's brother, Larry Baker.

Baker was shocked to learn the ring had been found. "These are things you try to put behind you," he said. "It's like bringing back a [illegible]

Some pig

A village in northern India is being terrorized by a 600-

LAST WISH!

Doomed brothers want to see Disney World before they die!

Two tragic young brothers, each doomed to die before he is 14, share what seems to be an impossible dream — to see Disney World before their time runs out!

The boys, 10-year-old Wayne Hall and his 8-year-old brother Ian, are fatally afflicted with ataxia telangiectasia, which destroys the nervous system and eventually makes normal breathing impossible.

DOOMED Ian (left) and Wayne Hall hope to see Disney World — before their time runs out.

And more is proving anguished parents Jean and John Hall can do but watch the boys they cherish become weaker by the day in their home in Chatham, England.

The incurable disease has already left Wayne confined to a wheelchair and little Ian will soon use one.

"They both know something is terribly wrong," 41-year-old Jean said. "Ian once looked at me and asked, 'Mommy, are we going to live as long as you and daddy?'"

Now the devastated parents are in a desperate race against time, trying to raise the $7,500 it would take to bring Wayne and Ian to America and make their Disney World dream come true.

You can help! Send all donations to The Friends of Larkswood Foundation, 130 Holborn Rd., Larkswood, Chatham, Kent, England.

— MIKE DONOVAN

ENDURING Hands and faith drives through their heads, each as if afraid, as a testament to hope in their pain.

'Ninja warrior' kills gold dealer, rapes his wife & beats his daughters

An army of investigators have failed to crack a baffling murder case in which a man disguised as a Ninja warrior killed a gold bullion dealer, raped the victim's wife and beat his daughters.

The slaying stunned residents of sleepy Montville, N.J., a suburban community 25 miles from New York City, and touched off a massive search for the killer, who was dressed like a Ninja, the ancient oriental assassins thought to possess supernatural powers.

But after a month of digging, police admit they are no closer to solving the case than the night it occurred.

"There have been no arrests in the case and so far we have no suspects," Police Lt. John Dempsey told The NEWS.

Cops say the family's four hours of terror began when 43-year-old Ray Edwards arrived home with his daughters, Lisa, 8, and Tiffany, 7, from dance class that night dressed as a black jumpsuit, black mask and black combat boots came up behind the father and children and forced them inside at gunpoint.

The intruder handcuffed Edwards and his daughters, took them to the master bedroom and bound their hands and ankles with electrical cords.

A MASKED Ninja warrior fights to the death in the movie ads Mother "Revenge of the Ninja." A family was savagely terrorized by a man dressed in a "Ninja warrior" costume similar to the one shown above.

Then he forced Mrs. Edwards to perform a sex act on him before dragging her into the bedroom, where she was handcuffed, blindfolded and gagged.

Police said the man handcuffed, blindfolded and gagged Mrs. Edwards before leading her to a separate bedroom where he beat her, stole $700 from her purse and raped her.

Edwards, meanwhile, managed to get free and ran downstairs. The intruder caught up with him in the family room, where the two struggled. Edwards broke loose, leaped through a glass patio door and ran across the backyard for help. The attacker gave chase and fired a shot that hit Edwards in the neck, killing him instantly.

Cops say the Ninja then fled into the night with the $700 he took from Mrs. Edwards' purse.

Mrs. Edwards and her daughters huddled in the children's room screaming for help through an open window. A neighbor walking his dog passed by at 11 p.m. and called police.

"We've tracked down a lot of leads, but nothing has panned out

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Meet the bizarre human ARROW HEADS

By IRWIN FISHER

...of a bizarre East Indian sect push ...ugh their heads during religious ...thout getting hurt!

...got to be the strangest ritual on Earth, ...thropologist Harinder Jain told report...

...Delhi.

...ple appear to be healthy and normal and they ...spiritual. But while celebrating religious festi... ...) become possessed.

...children — everyone in the sect — push steel ...rows through their skulls and brains without suf...

...a handful of people have died of massive brain ... years. But they appear to be the exception."

...discovered the obscure Hindu sect on a survey of ...

...strange people did just that. But not one member of the sect complained of pain or injury. Even more incredible not one of them bled.

"They left the arrows in place for two days," said Dr Jain. "Then they pulled them out and went about their business as if nothing unusual had happened.

"I don't know how they did it," he continued. "It could be that they have found spots in the brain that aren't affected by the arrow tip and shaft.

"It's also possible that their religious fervor is so great that they don't suffer from the wounds."

Khalid Marthan, 52, has pierced his head with arrows since he was a child of two. He told Dr Jain that he knew that three of four sect members have died or suffered brain damage during the arrow ritual since the people started doing it in the 1400s.

"I have been doing this for 50 years and not once have I felt any pain," said Marthan. "Those who suffer are not pure of heart.

"The gods protect those who have faith. They punish those who do not."

Said Dr Jain: "The sect is definitely worthy of more study and research. When I return I will have several doctors with me. I want to know how they do what they do without getting hurt.

"Sects and cults around the world have been known to perform similar rituals," he continued. "But they pierce less critical parts of the body, such as arms, stomachs and hands.

"The brain obviously is much more sensitive. If we can find out how these people can run arrows through their heads, we might be able to apply that knowledge to science and medicine.

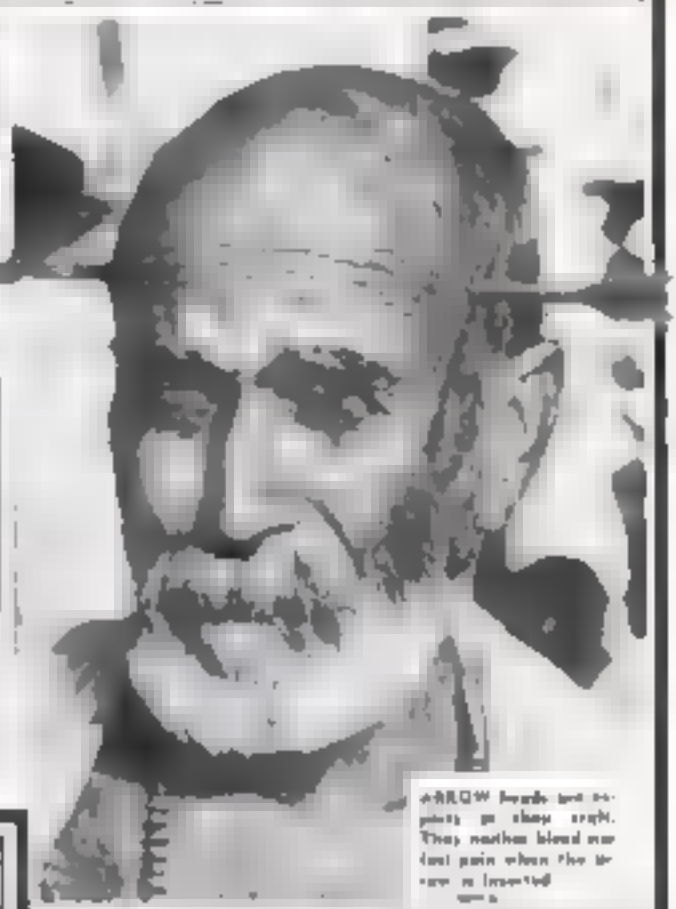
"It might even enable doctors to perform certain kinds of brain surgery that were never before thought possible."

Neuroscurgeon Girl Das of Calcutta couldn't have agreed more.

He told reporters: "What these people do with these arrows is simply beyond belief. It's a miracle they aren't all dead or paralyzed."

Oddball tribe runs arrows through their skulls — and survive!

'It's a miracle they aren't all dead!'



ARROW heads are so sharp, they neither bleed nor feel pain when the arrow is inserted

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...ts teacher after getting an 'F,' say cops!

By JACK ALEXANDER

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...can't read the boy's mind, but we're gaining certain that was the motive," he said.

...Cops refused to identify the 16-year-old suspect because of his age, but Kaster said the boy has been charged with attempted murder and will be tried as an adult.

...Maimon was released from the hospital four days later after the ...

...from when Kimberly was shot with a .22-caliber pistol the suspect bought earlier from another student, said Kaster.

The suspect left the school and turned himself in at the sheriff's office two hours later. He was being held at the Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center.

Sneaky snake shocker!

John Ottley and Merrett Voightlander are in trouble with the law — for snake smuggling!

The pair have been indicted by a federal grand jury and charged with trying to bring eight rare snakes from Mexico into the United ...

...denizens of a van and used to drive them across the border.

Ottley and Voightlander have been charged with conspiracy, unlawful importation of smuggled merchandise and making false statements to a federal officer. The ...

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SPORTS WIDOWS GO ON STRIKE

. . . but their hubbies still refuse to give up weekend soccer games

By CHARLES TULLY

Dozens of stonewalled "soccer widows" have been on a love strike for weeks trying to get their men to spend more time at home — but the stubborn hubbies say they'd rather give up sex than soccer!

The irate ladies have vowed not to cook, clean or enter the bedroom till their mates quit their weekend soccer league and go back to mowing the lawn on Saturday afternoons.

"These are grown men with jobs and families to worry about, and they shouldn't be out acting like little boys," harried housewife Mike Grantmeyer told reporters in Frankfurt, West Germany.

"They work all week, and when they get time off, they run away to play with their buddies.

"We want our men at home — not off in a field kicking some little ball around."

Fed-up Mike, 30, organized the strike by 44 disgusted gals who insist they won't lift a finger around the house — and won't cuddle under the covers — till their love-hungry hubbies give in to their demands.

"Those of us with children are making sure the kids are well fed and well cared for," said the bagging-eyed mother of two.

"Our husbands are another story, though. They can cook and clean for themselves. And when it comes to romance, they're on their own there, too."

But after six anxious weeks, the battle-scarred soccer buffs say they aren't about to give up their sacred Saturday skirmishes.

"These games are a tradition, and for many of us they're the only recreation we

Mom was strangled for being too happy

Loving mom Marie Mosen was lured to an empty house by a jealous killer and strangled with an electric cord — because "she was just too happy," say police.

Cops in Andover, Mass., have charged Francisco "Tony" Lake, 31, with first degree murder in the death of Mrs. Mosen, who neighbors [illegible] life with her cheerful disposition."

Mrs. Mosen, a 35-year-old married mother who sold real estate, was tricked into meeting Lake at a house in Andover she was trying to sell, said Assistant District Attorney Robert Wehner.

"He began telling her about his rotten life, his financial and romantic problems and how depressed he was," said Wehner.

"She commented that by saying how happy she was with a loving husband and two wonderful kids," said Wehner. "He was jealous of her happiness. Lake wanted what she had."

TOO happy, so she had to die, Marie Mosen.

After strangling the unsuspecting woman in a jealous

her Volvo and drove around. The next day Lake kidnapped her nephew, Ramon Ortiz, 10, as the boy walked home from school, said Wehner.

"He knew the boy's mother, Nancy Ortiz, had money.

"Lake disguised his voice and demanded $40,000 for the boy's safe return," Wehner said.

"Lake sent the boy back to the car at one point to see if there were any more quarters in the car so he could make another call," said Wehner.

"The boy saw Mrs. Mosen's body and said, 'Mrs. Uncle Tony, there's a body in the trunk,' " said Wehner. "Lake replied, 'There's no body, but you've been seeing too many horror movies.' "

Later that day, Lake panicked and dropped the boy off at his sister's house unhurt, said Wehner, and then drove to a nearby area and dumped Mrs. Mosen's body.

. . . say cops

ALLEGED killer resented his victim's happiness.

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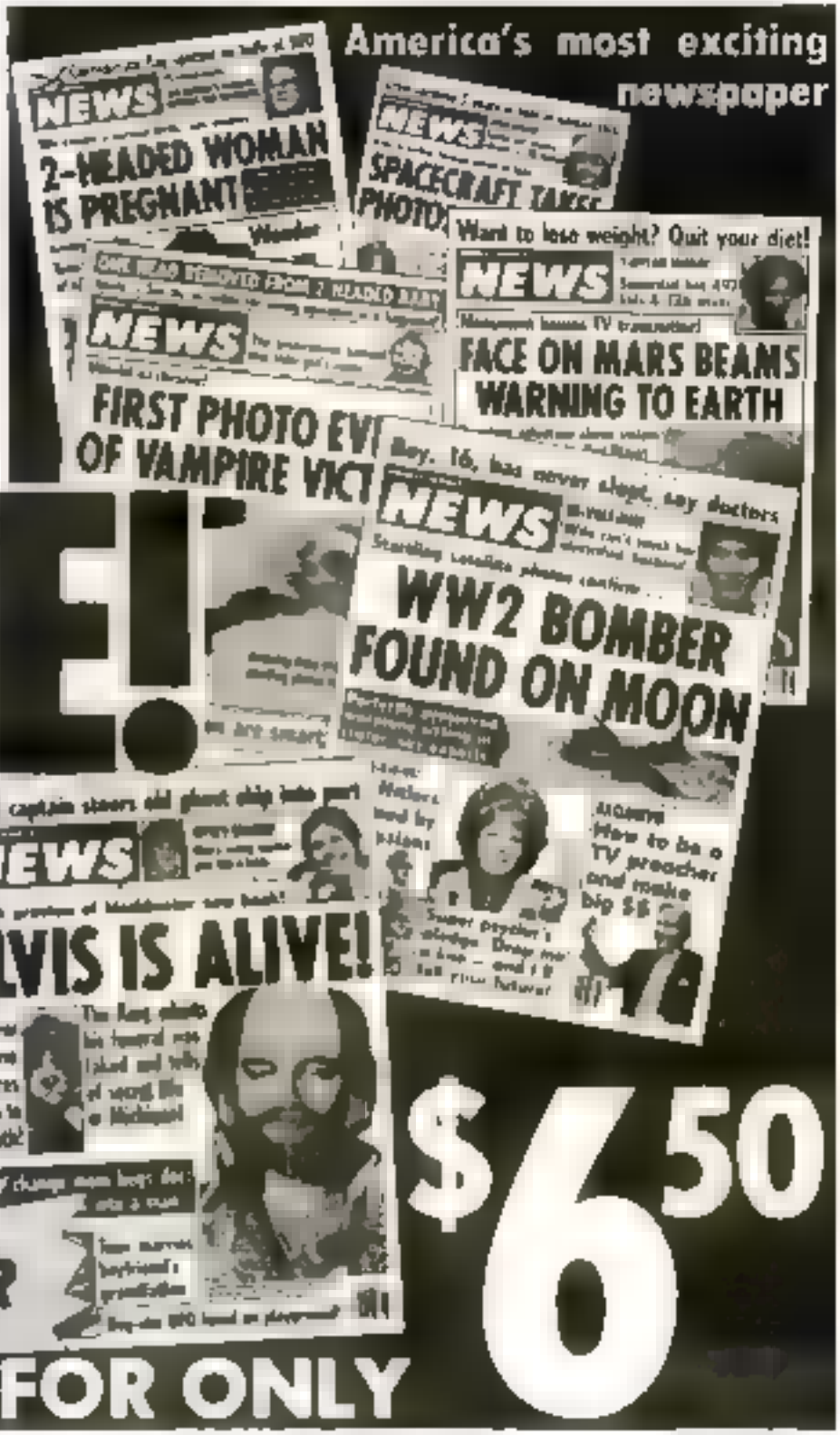

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The incredible rat boy!

By LAGAN DUNN

Doctors say 2-year-old Gauri Videsh will be like any other little boy after they wheel him into an operating room — and whack off the hairless, gray rat's tail he was born with!

"Lots of children have tail-like cysts or appendages, but this kid has a three-footer that's still growing," Dr. Vanu Shah told reporters in Ancona, India.

"We couldn't remove it at first because the boy's health was in danger. He's older now — of course — so the operation shouldn't be all that difficult."

"That's good news because he really does want to get rid of that tail.

Pint-size Gauri's parents couldn't agree with the doctor more. They say that their son has been the butt of countless jokes since he was born in June.

They also noted that the tail has put Videsh's life in danger — once when it slipped into the whirling blades of a cheap toilet fan.

"The tip got chopped and blood was everywhere," said Patel Videsh, the boy's 24-year-old mother. "The tail is soft but it's got nerves or feeling or something like that.

But he didn't cry or anything like that.

But he might have died to death. And it's something I never want to go through again."

Starting any complicated surgery on children under 2 is risky, which is why Dr. Shah said the child will probably have a small scar on his buttocks but nothing else to remind him that the tail was ever there.

"I have written an article for the medical journals but I don't think we'll ever know for sure why that boy had a tail," said Dr. Shah. "I'll be glad to get it off."

His tail is 3-feet long and it's still growing!

His tail is 3 feet long in this rare photo of the patient, little rat boy. Surgeons plan to operate soon.

'You've ruined my bloomin' cactus,' wails angry Englishman

Dyed-in-the-wool flower fanciers nursed and tended a rare cactus for half a century waiting for its spectacular blossoms to show themselves in all their glory.

Then, just as the first cherished petals appeared, a truck backed over the cactus — and crushed it to bits!

"This is really devastating," moaned Postmaster Ish Rogers, manager of a city-run nursery in Sheffield, England. "We've been working and waiting to see this thing bloom for 75 years. People were starting to arrive from miles around to have a look.

"Then, in a moment of stupidity, a truck driver managed to ruin everything.

"It was our star attraction. Now it's wrecked."

Botanists brought the Agave Americanamo cactus — which blossoms only once in a lifetime — to Britain shortly after World War I and had lavished it with loving care ever since.

The plant had grown to a towering 25 feet tall and the first of its magnificent yellowish-green flowers had begun to push out when the dump truck struck its deadly blow.

"The idiot simply wasn't looking where he was going," said Rogers. "Everyone is entitled to a mistake, but this seems almost unforgivable. We would love to save the cactus somehow — but there's not a lot left to save."

Rogers said he and his colleagues may attempt another Agave Americanamo cactus.

"But first we have to come to grips with this tragedy," he said. "This great, great disaster."

Truck driver Dennis Smith said he feels terrible about destroying the rare plant.

"I'm not a gardener and I don't know much about flowers, but I'm sure sorry," he said. "I'm sure it's a beautiful plant and it has to be something like this," he groaned.

— AP wirers

Truck backs into plant that blooms once in a lifetime!

Cops got this guy's number

Police say Petrus Verlaan made one big mistake when he tried to extort money from his victim — he gave her his home telephone number.

Naturally, the next call he got was from the cops!

Detectives in Vancouver, Canada, said Verlaan called Annie De La Cruz about the purse she had lost a few days before. The man asked $100 for its return, and left his phone number.

Did the jury go to pot?

Two members of a jury smoked pot while they decided whether or not to execute a murderer.

The two men were sequestered in a motel room, where deputies caught them puffing a pipe of marijuana, police said.

Despite outraged pleas from defense lawyers, the two men were allowed to stay on the jury, considering the death penalty for Charles Dutton, convicted of the rape and murder of his girlfriend.

The Trenton, N.J., jury couldn't reach a verdict on the sentence of lethal injection.

Nice patients get better care!

Causing fleeing party to your doctor may be dangerous to your health!

A new study from the Michigan State University Medical School shows that patients who criticize their doctors upset them much more than those who don't pay their bills.

And when your doctor gets upset, he's more likely to botch his diagnosis or make faulty treatment decisions, experts say.

Word trivia

Some newfangled terms are older than you think

Over 1,000 new words enter the English language each year, but many of our most modern-sounding words have really been around for centuries.

STEVE McQueen played Matthew's last-known bounty hunter — TV.

For example, even though airplanes didn't fly until the 1900s, the word "aircraft" was coined in 1611.

On the flip side, the terms "gunslinger" and "bounty hunter" bring to mind images of the Old West. But both were invented by Hollywood screen writers, gunslinger in 1951 and bounty hunter in 1957.

These are the dates when some other words came into our language.

Airsick — 1785
Astronaut — 1908
Brat — 1550
Bureaucracy — 1611
Change back — 1888
Energize — 1758
Health food — 1869
Hockey — 1527
Parachute — 1785
Satellite — 1646
Submarine — 1600
Waterproof — 1800
Water bed — 1968

Hubby chops up wife & gets slap on the wrist!

Cruel hubby Stephen Milligan smashed his wife, chopped her into little pieces. Then tried to kill his two kids — and got a measly five years in prison.

"I am sure that when you have served your sentence you will be able to return to the community and be a worthwhile citizen again," said bleeding heart Judge Neil Denison in London, England.

Milligan, 30, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter and attempted murder, kept the corpse of his wife Sandra in their home for five days before he chopped it up.

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Swami is jailed after his herd of flying elephants dumps on horrified spectators!

A CURIOUS swimmer is pelted with shots of manure from one of the swami's high-flying elephants in this artist's conception

By IRWIN FISHER

A swami who allegedly has the power to make elephants fly faces fines and a stiff jail sentence following complaints from people who've been plastered by falling manure!

"I've been a policeman for 32 years and I've never heard of anything quite like this," Lt. Bhadra Pradeep told newsmen in Kanpur, India.

"When we first got the report we didn't believe it. But it happened. The man is in jail so the elephants are taking their exercise," said Lt. Pradeep. "When people complain we investigate. Swami Bavin-dara Rudarji, 38, was charged with endangering the public safety after 23 people filed formal complaints against him.

"Many more were hit by falling rubbish but didn't bother to press charges," said Lt. Pradeep. "They probably just wanted to get home and get it all behind them."

A grateful hearing is scheduled for January 21.

Rudarji maintains his supernatural powers but admits that a few pachyderms have gone astray while playing at the Kanpur elephant — and manure — polo ranch.

"When the elephants were up there and excited and the monkeys began to flee," Rudarji, a 42-year-old mystic, told reporters.

It was hit by some pellets, each with a bulbous tip and the most disgusting thing on the world.

We both had to throw out the clothes we were wearing as well as the mats we were sitting on," said [illegible].

The power of flight is [illegible] Rudarji has been practicing [illegible] Indian Institute of Technology [illegible] that years of meditation and self-denial give these persons amazing abilities — and really might give them the power to make animals fly.

Merchant Bhatia accepts that Rudarji did just that. He also says he's willing to testify in court to make the holy man stop.

If convicted, Rudarji could be fined up to $1,000 and sentenced to 10 years in jail.

Love for a car costs teen his life

Darien has gave his life for his car.

The 16-year-old was shot and killed while he plans to sell a 1964 Ford Thunderbird, trying to keep a band of gasoline thieves from driving off with it, police say.

"You know gone on 16-year-old boy is," said Sheriff Frank Powell of Columbia, S.C., where the tragic crime occurred. "He gave his life for his car."

"I can only assume he had an earlier idea these individuals, including a 13-and a 13-year-old boy, might have a gun."

According to Sheriff Powell, young Lee stopped in front of a convenience store when the gang of six robbers moved him down. The gang took over a car from him but the teenager hung onto the window of the driver's side as they sped off, Sheriff Powell said, so the gang

Stupid phone call traps burglar, say cops!

Cops tracked down Harold Schmidt and charged him with burglary after they traced a phone call made at the home of a crime victim — and discovered the call had been made by Schmidt to his grandmother.

city, cassette tapes, frozen chicken patties and vitamins. Not long afterward, police say, the victim got her phone bill and noticed a call to Florida that she hadn't made.

Police traced the call to Schmidt's grandma and when they questioned Schmidt, he gave back two necklaces, a set of earrings,

"Watch leopard breaks out & attacks toddler

A leopard kept in a downtown building to scare off thieves broke out, chased through the streets — and fatally mauled a helpless 3-year-old girl.

Doctors in Palermo, Italy, said the child's throat was slashed but she will survive.

Police said an unidentified businessman had kept the big cat in his office to guard against intruders.

Wife's suicide drives grieving hubby to drown son, say cops!

Six months after his wife's suicide, a heartbroken husband was charged with murder — when he drowned his son but botched an attempt to kill himself.

Hong Kong authorities said Cheng Wai-tat, the devastated 40-year-old father, was still grieving over the death of his wife when he took his son to the beach to end their lives.

Police said Cheng and his 5-year-old son, Poh-man, drank rat poison, but when that failed Cheng carried him into the surf. A woman pulled Cheng to shore and revived him, but the boy, who was still clinging to his father's chest, died.

A lawyer who defended Cheng on murder charges said the father would be haunted for the rest of his life by the little boy's final words — "Daddy, I'm scared."

Cheng ended up pleading guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 12 months in prison.

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Russia has about 50 cars per 1,000 people compared to 560 per 1,000 in the U.S., according to Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper.

"There is a lack of discipline, many drivers on the road, with drivers behaving rudely and without any respect toward each other," said Pravda. "The Soviet mode and high speed are not compatible."

Wealthy doctor gets richer with $15M lottery!

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Mom lied about virgin births, says stepson

Housewife Mitsuko Nakagawa bore six children — and she swears every one of them was a virgin birth.

The Kyoto, Japan, woman's husband Kato underwent prostate surgery shortly after their marriage in 1973 and suffered from impotence until he died at age 79.

Incredibly, Mitsuko convinced the old man that the children came "as a blessing from heaven" and Nakagawa left his family everything he owned upon his death in October 1987.

Now Nakagawa's son by a former marriage is suing Mitsuko, 48, claiming he is the only true descendant of his father and therefore should inherit his estate.

"This is ridiculous," Kenji Nakagawa said during testimony at a preliminary hearing on his suit. "My stepmother cheated on him for years, yet he fell for her dumb story.

"Some of her children are part Caucasian, some are part Arab, and one is part black. She said the mixed races reflect God's glory, but I think they reflect her taste for visitors of all nationalities."

Kenji Nakagawa, 31, filed his lawsuit in December 1987, following probate of his father's will. In the will, Nakagawa Sr. left about $360,000 to his wife and an estate valued at approximately $847,000 to "my children by my faithful wife Mitsuko and to my son Kenji."

In his suit, Kenji claims that none of the children born to Mitsuko during her marriage to his father were his dad's, and were they sold by (and as) claimed by his father's wife.

"They are proof of the stepmother's infidelity to my father," said Nakagawa. "They don't deserve a penny of my father's estate."

An attorney for Mitsuko Nakagawa contends that the children's true paternity is hard to prove and they can inherit.

The last roundup

A Mexican cowboy who claimed to be 130 years old died when his horse fell on top of him during a cattle roundup.

Jose Jesus Garcia once told reporters he had ridden with Billy the Kid and had "cut Geronimo loose" during a knife fight in 1886.

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Teen spins to a horrible death in clothes dryer

A teenager was locked inside a giant commercial dryer and tossed around like a Ping-Pong ball in the tumble-dry cycle — until he died.

Rafael Benitez, 18, had left the door open on the 10-foot-tall, front-loading dryer when he crawled inside to clean it, said cops in Burlington Park, Calif.

"Along came co-worker Gregorio Munoz, who didn't know Benitez was in there," said Police Sgt. Ernie Batterton. "He tossed in some wet work clothes, slammed the door shut and turned on the dryer."

Munoz "nearly fainted" 15 minutes later when he opened the dryer to get the clothes and found the banged-up fruity nearly dead.

Benitez suffered severe head injuries from being slammed against the huge metal baffles inside the dryer. He died four hours later of apparent "blunt force trauma."

"We thought at first we had a murder on our hands because the dryer door had to be latched closed from the out side," said Sgt. Batterton.

"But there was no sign of other warning that Benitez was inside cleaning the dryer," he said. "And there should have been."

We are convinced it was a tragic accident, he said. "A couple of women workers had asked Munoz to put their dresses work shirts in the dryer on his lunch hour," said Sgt. Batterton. "The poor guy was just doing them a favor, and look what happened."

Hollywood Scandal Erupts As Former Dynasty Make-up Artist Walks Off Set!

The real story can now be told!

By Nancy Taylor

Hollywood, U.S. — In a dramatic move, one of Dynasty's former make-up artists apparently walked off the set.

Make-up artist Bob Talbot realized that he might be overstepping certain boundaries however he believed so strongly about the public's right to know, that he was willing to take the chance!

It seems that the remarkable secret that Bob's discovery of an amazing natural beauty formula for more than 10 years, has had been going on behind the scenes at many of Hollywood's most famous and beautiful actresses.

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Bigwigs take dog from man for giving it stupid hairdo

Outraged animal welfare officials in South London, England, confiscated a man's dog after he "styled" the pooch's hair by braiding it into dozens of tiny braids.

The 6-year-old dog was covered with matted braids and was infested with fleas, officials said. It was unsure, watched and given to a new owner.

Factory where everybody's boss

Almost every one of the 300 workers in a Calgary factory is clamoring to be boss of the day.

The factory in Banff City, which makes sports rights parts, was run so poorly in the past it often forgot to pay its employees, said the Workers' Daily newspaper.

So far, 94 workers have acted as one-day directors of the factory. The system improves management-labor relationships.

Walking beats stress

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Good news for nit-wits

A college just for stupid people opens its doors

Campus offers degrees in: **UFO spotting** | **Professional scarecrow posing** | **Gourmet doughnut dunking** | **Desert camel management**

By CHARLES TULLY

A unique college with 200 students on campus will open soon — so stupid people can get degrees.

"Traditionally, only smart people have gone to college," said Dean Henri Gennen. "We think it's only fair that nit-wits get the same chance. A degree can boost their confidence and self-esteem and increase their chances of employment."

St. Jean de la Lac College, named after a 13th century Belgian priest famed for his sanctity but lack of sense, will offer bachelor degrees in:

- Bird-watching, with special emphasis on the song birds of the Ukraine.
- Professional pen pal-manship.
- Camel management — "especially the camels that inhabit the Gobi Desert," says the prospectus.
- UFO spotting.
- Artist's model. "Posing nude for hours on end takes very special skill," Dean Gennen said.
- Professional scarecrow. According to the college prospectus, this "is a skill much needed in the grain fields of northern Europe."
- Chicken and turkey plucking. "We'll also include ducks, geese, doves and quail," the dean said.
- Bicycle riding — "a very desirable degree, indeed," says the prospectus.

Other degree courses will include everything from doughnut dunking to nature [illegible] tion.

Speaking from his office at the St. Jean campus near Brussels, Belgium, Dean Gennen said: "We feel that our students will leave these halls better equipped to meet the demands of the modern world.

"After four years here, they will be more poised, confident and [illegible] in their [illegible].

[illegible]

"For example, we [illegible] recruited a camel jockey from Saudi Arabia, a retired Scottish bird watcher and a UFO expert from America."

Classes will begin on January 16 and the only qualifications needed are, according to Dean Gennen, "a will to succeed and a low IQ. To be shockingly blunt, only nit-wits need apply."

- St. Jean de la Lac was a holy monk who spent the last 30-odd years of his life trying to figure out how tall God was. He went to his grave in 1180 without finding the answer, much to his chagrin.

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Bad news for gamblers!

Gamblers beware! Now you stand to lose not only your shirt at the blackjack tables — but also the use of your right hand!

An Oklahoma City, Okla., neurologist recently reported he'd seen a patient who had suffered physical damage to his right elbow from leaning on a blackjack table for 18 hours.

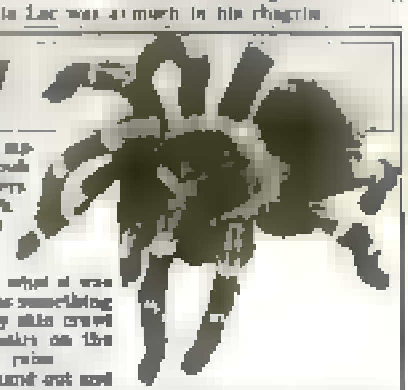
The man complained of tingling in the fingers of his right hand, Dr. Howard E. Jarrell said in a letter to *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

After interviewing the patient, Dr. Jarrell discovered the man had gambled for hours in Las Vegas two months before and put too much pressure on a nerve in his elbow.

Dr. Jarrell dubbed the man's ailment "Vegas neuropathy" and warned gamblers to avoid leaning too long while trying their luck.

He predicted his patient's condition would disappear in [illegible]

Spider lurks in his lunch box!



A sneaky glutton who was swiping sandwiches from a co-worker bit off more than he could chew when he reached inside his victim's lunch box — and wrapped his mitt around a creepy-crawly tarantula!

In a last-ditch bid to protect his noontime goodies, 30-year-old carpenter Wayne Mitchell popped his hairy, six-inch pet tarantula Boris into his lunch box.

Later that morning, a blood-curdling scream rose over the home-building site in Walton-on-Thames, England, where [illegible] snatcher had found Boris by the look on his face when he ran past me," Wayne said.

"It was the look of stark terror and he was as white as a sheet.

"I knew there wasn't any malice intended, he was taking my lunch more as a lark than anything. But I hadn't been getting enough to eat and I wanted to know who the culprit was."

The "culprit" was friend and co-worker Ken Reigh, who hasn't gone near Wayne's lunch box since his nightmarish encounter with Boris the spider.

"I just slipped my hand in-[illegible]" Ken said, while [illegible] in a pub where the builders gather after work. "I actually took hold of the thing with my hand.

"I had no idea what it was, just that it was something alive. It made my skin crawl and I felt the hairs on the back of my neck raise.

"I jerked my hand out and just stood there staring down at the box. Finally, I got up the nerve to open it.

"When I saw that I had actually had my hand on a tarantula, I just went 'round the bend."

[illegible] then [illegible] the score with Ken, and the two men are still good friends.

"I know it scared the hell out of Ken, but tarantulas seldom bite people.

"And I haven't lost a single [illegible]

Accidental Discovery May End Obesity

Blocks calorie absorption

SWEDEN – Medical researchers at the University of Kuopio, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded by the fact that every person who used the formula lost weight. The published report of the study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was noted" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was even tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing the study published in the British Journal of Nutrition stated, "Body weight was significantly reduced, even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient contained inside 3000 natural Brazilian weight pill capsules is an ingredient which takes before-meal pills to battle with the fat you eat and "turn up" calories presenting their absorption.

A substantial portion of the calories ingested therefore pass through the digestive system undetected. The body has to get energy to replace the lost calories, so it starts to burn stored fat. The result is rapid body weight loss. Extensive clinical tests have verified the safety of the formula for long term use.

The formula is marketed in tablet form in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000. A firm located in Tampa, Florida, has exclusive North American distribution rights. A review of the customer files of the company revealed the names of hundreds of people who have lost up to 10 pounds the first week and as much as 20, 40 or 60 or more pounds overall with Cal-Ban 3000. This is a golden opportunity for people who are plagued by fat and cellulite that they can't seem to lose by conventional methods.

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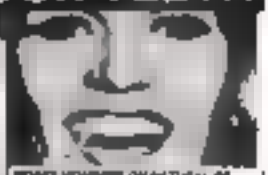

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Submarine races

This gang of playful dolphins decided to race a huge British submarine through the Mediterranean Sea, and the hard-working creatures managed to keep one step ahead — at least for a while. The gargantuan Royal Navy photographer Clive Harris a top award in the service's annual camera competition.

'Friday the 13th' murder suspect hangs himself!

By SUSAN JIMISON

A horror film fanatic who was suspected of slicing up a young college coed has hanged himself, say cops.

Mark Branch, who was obsessed with the killer Jason in the *Friday the 13th* movie series, became the object of a nationwide search following the slaughter of Sharon Gregory, 19, in her Greenfield, Mass., home.

The girl had been slashed to death in her own bathroom by a frenzied killer, just like the way Jason murdered his victims.

Recently, a deer hunter stumbled across the remains of Branch, 19, who had apparently committed suicide by hanging himself. Police say they don't know when he died.

"It could have been the very day of the killing or sometime later," said Chief [Jerry] McCarthy of the Greenfield Police Department. "We just don't know. The body was very high up in a tree."

The small town of Greenfield had been living in terror ever since Sharon's body was discovered by her horrified twin in October. Residents canceled their regular Halloween trick or treating and locked their doors at dusk, afraid that a real-life Jason stalked their streets.

Immediately after the crime police found Branch's car parked near an isolated woods, but days of searching the area provided no clues to his whereabouts.

Then, several weeks later, deer hunter Kevin Purrington of Northfield, Mass., made his gruesome discovery.

"I heard something snap up above," said Purrington.

"I looked up and saw the body. I spoke it down that afternoon at report time."

Police say Branch was hanging from a tree. He had not been spotted by police searchers earlier because leaves were still on the tree. When Purrington found the body, the leaves were bare.

Chief McCarthy said he believed Branch's intense fascination with horror movies led the youth to become a killer.

"The fantasy of living as Jason — that's what triggered it," he said. "He was fixated.

"He talked about killing someone for months. He knew there looking for Sharon. He had been wanting to kill someone and she was available."

Townspeople lived in terror after pretty coed was slashed to death!

Kinky sex is on the rise in China

Chinese officials are alarmed at a stunning rise in the number of sex perverts throughout their country, especially the number of men fascinated with dressing up in bras and panties.

One report in the Shanghai newspaper, *Liberation Daily*, tells of a top engineer who kept a box labeled "top secret, never touch" and warned his wife to stay away from it.

Every night the man would get up at midnight and open it. Finally, one day her curious wife opened the box when he was out and was stunned to find it filled with panties, bras and stockings.

She turned in her spouse to police, despite the fact they had been happily wed 10 years.

Officials also note an increase in sex crimes, including one

TV can make babies smarter

Watching television can make your baby smart, experts say.

Infants as young as 10 months old can develop language skills and the ability to perform simple physical tasks — like taking toys apart — by watching certain types of television programs, researchers reported in a recent issue of *Child Development* magazine.

Dog hater

Thomas Jefferson once wrote in a letter that he believed the world would be a

Asteroid swarm threatens Earth!

The planet Earth is threatened by an endless asteroid belt that contains massive space rocks big enough to change world climate or reverse the magnetic field if they hit us, experts say.

According to experts attending a conference on Global Catastrophes in Earth History, giant asteroids hitting the Earth have caused incredible changes in the planet's geology, climate and life forms in the past.

New scientists estimate there could be more than 1,100 of the deadly things heading for Earth.

"Earth resides in an asteroid swarm," explained research

ARTIST'S conception of the asteroid belt threatening Earth

Dr. Eugene M. Shoemaker of the U.S. Geological Survey

The scientist estimated that a life-threatening giant asteroid or comet six miles in diameter smashes into our planet about once every [illegible] years.

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A young man who was jilted by his girlfriend set himself on fire in the living room of his family's home, touching off a blaze that killed him, his stepbrother and mom.

New York police said Anthony Hyke, 21, doused himself with gasoline and flicked a cigarette lighter while Marlene Newberry, 43, and Kyle Newberry, 17, pleaded with him to forget his girlfriend.

Flames engulfed the three-room within seconds, killing them all, cops said. Three other people escaped.

Parents jailed after girl takes cocaine to school

The parents of a 10-year-old girl were jailed on drug charges — after their little darling gave her teacher a bag of white powder.

The youngster told her teacher the new her parents use the powder in their home in Cookeville, Tenn.

[redacted] and Theda McCormick were arrested on charges of possession of cocaine and willful child neglect, a police spokesman said.

The little girl was turned over to the Human Services Department.

Baby boomer gift — old Woodstock concert tickets

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Both were born May 15, 1949

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Their youngest kids were born on February 5

They wear the same size shoe

Their brothers also share the same birthday

ANGELA Lee, left, and Barbara Hughes, right, aren't really twins, but they have plenty of bizarre coincidences in their lives.

Mirror image neighbors!

By DICK DONOVAN

Angela Lee and Barbara Hughes could be the same woman living in two separate bodies — an unknown force seems to be entwining their lives in a web of bizarre circumstance!

The two women, who live one miles apart from each other in Rainham, England, have discovered that unexplainable twists of fate have linked them together from the very moment they were conceived in their mothers' wombs.

The proof is the almost identical birthmark each has in exactly the same spot on her body!

But that's only one of a long string of coincidences binding the two of them together:

- Each was born on May 15, 1949.
- Each has a son and daughter; the oldest boys are the 31st of the month and the youngest born on February 5 by cesarean section.
- Each has a brother sharing the same birthday.
- Each has the same shoe size.

"It's just uncanny," Barbara declared. "I'm not obsessed by it, but I think there must be something in the stars. I don't believe there could be so many coincidences without something being behind it."

Angela and Barbara, who both work in hairdressing services in Rainham schools, moved to that town in 1978. But they say they have become more like sisters than neighbors.

Both say they are typical of those people born under the sign of Taurus, and they wonder if they were born at exactly the same time.

They have an incredible likeness that even the bad times seem to suffer at the same time.

One example was when Angela broke her left wrist. Barbara had her own disaster a week later when she crushed her left wrist.

They uncovered another bizarre link when Barbara's sister moved into a new home in the town of Rochester, about 10 miles away — that same belonged to Angela's grandmother.

"I burst out crying when I found out," Angela said.

"It was such a shock. I have so many memories of going there as a child."

And there's one more tie that binds their lives together — their modesty.

Though they admit to having birthmarks in the same place, both refuse to say where.

Hubby commits suicide beside wife's coffin!

By ROSE GRADY

A heartbroken hubby killed himself as he sat beside his wife's casket — using a gun passed to him by his nephew, cops said.

George Everett had been taken from his cell in the Hampshire County (W. Va.) jail, where he was being held on pre-

killed when her car rolled over on a country road on her way to bail out her husband.

According to State Police Cpl. David Barkhurst, Everett's 22-year-old nephew, Arlo Davis, admitted he passed a 25-caliber pistol to his 50-year-old uncle in the funeral home.

Davis is charged with passing a gun to a prisoner, a felony

Dump your dentures — space-age implants are better!

The latest developments in high-tech dentistry will soon have oldsters dumping their dentures and opting for permanent, indestructible tooth implants.

According to periodontist Jack T. Krauser of West Palm Beach, Fla., resulting advances in the treatment of gum disease and tooth loss have made false teeth obsolete.

Instead of fixing their dentals with plastic plates that slip and clop and cause discomfort, up-to-date dentists are anchoring permanent teeth directly to the jawbone with special titanium screws that never come out.

"They're totally unlike the types of partial plates because they're non-removable and do not need to be a nuisance," Dr Krauser told The NEWS. "They look and feel like your own teeth, and in most cases where there's only one tooth missing, it can be back on the menu.

"What's more, dental implants strengthen the jawbone and help prevent the loss of remaining teeth."

According to Dr Krauser, the in-office procedure involves only slight pain that an aspirin can take care of. Most patients can return to work or the golf course a day later.

Check-ups with the implants must be scheduled slightly more frequently — every three months or so — but otherwise the implants can be treated just like natural teeth.

The implant procedure is said to accomplished in two stages, Dr Krauser said. First, the gum is pulled back at the site where the tooth will go and small metal implants coated with a special chemical that will bond to the patient's jawbone are inserted in the jaw.

After three or four months of healing, the implants are permanently bonded to the jawbone and a porcelain tooth is screwed into the implant and cemented there," he said.

"The process costs about $1,000 for the implant and $500 for the porcelain crown," Dr Krauser said. "But although the initial cost is fairly high, there should be no need for replacements or special care after that — so in the long run it may actually be cheaper than dentures.

"I've done hundreds of implants and I have never had any patient complain about them. They realize all the benefits of real teeth."

Dr. Krauser said he has placed implants in patients of all ages — even some in their 80s and 90s — and in football players whose teeth got knocked out during games.

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Mom slashes her coma son

A disenchanted nurse admitted she tried to slash her son to death with a knife — after he'd spent 12 years withering away in a coma.

The unidentified woman told police in The Hague, Netherlands, she could no longer bear to see her son lying helpless in a hospital. She said he'd been unconscious since he fell through ice as a pupil at the age of 6.

The weeping woman is in jail for the 21-year-old son failed because she couldn't find an artery. A sympathetic judge gave her a suspended one-year sentence.

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SICKO PREACHER HAS 13 KIDS WITH HIS DAUGHTERS

By PETE COOKE

A preacher sentenced to 50 years in the slammer said he doesn't mind going to prison, but thinks it's unfair that authorities took away his right to see the 13 kids he has fathered with his daughters.

. . . and now he wants them to visit him in jail!

"Preachers make mistakes just like everyone else," said Lewis Charles Elliot, who was convicted in Dallas of sex crimes involving his three daughters.

"I never told anybody I was perfect," said Elliot, 53. "I didn't accept incest. After experimenting it, it was just like drugs. It went too far."

The Baptist minister who fathered five children with his wife in addition to the 13 he sired with his daughters, said incest was "something we did as a family." The oldest of the daughters had five children by her father while the middle daughter also had five and the youngest had three.

"I never really considered them as my wives," Elliot said. "I just considered us were having sex."

The preacher said it "was that human instinct in me" that caused him to commit incest. "I was just like any other man. I tasted after something that looked good."

In spite of what he did, Elliot doesn't think the state should have forced him to give up his rights to see his children.

"I've done some things wrong," the preacher admitted.

"I'm a homicider and a molester. But does that make the state should take my kids away? I may never see my kids again. They're going to grow up not knowing who their daddy was.

"I don't mind prison," he said.

"Since being put in jail I've learned more about God and about living a Christian life than I ever knew before. No, the worst part of my punishment is having to relinquish the rights to my kids. I asked the judge to give me the death penalty. I'd rather be dead than endure this kind of suffering."

Lovely Joyce Baker has a way of getting some zip in a private position. It's easy to see why the happy beauty's revolving career has recently got here high gear.

Schools hire witch docs

Witch doctors are being hired in Zimbabwe, Africa, to drive evil spirits from schools and teachers' homes.

An inter-African news agency reported that teachers in at least three northern provinces have quit their jobs because they were being haunted by evil spirits.

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By Countess Sophia Sabah

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Love, love, love is always on your mind — but speed in your life, I mean. Cheer up, your stars indicate that romance is just ahead for you, and it's going to be a long-lasting wonderful relationship.

Meanwhile, though, things are definitely going to be tough on the job this week. You need to buckle down and produce until the best is over.

Little worries that have been causing anxiety will disappear in the next day or two.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Watch it — you've got an enemy who's planning to harm you and this is someone you trust. Do not reveal your private thoughts this week and do not confide in anyone. Stay level and the danger will pass.

A special pleasure is in store for you in the next few days, something that will delight you.

Time to put down on your spending and make moves to save for the future.

You'll even have excellent opportunities to earn extra dough.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Believe it or not, your "Stormy Love" really does exist. Better get yourself ready for an exciting jolt out of the blue. Your love's about to pop into your life!

You make a hit big with a serious romance at the office party. Now you have to find a way to cool things down. On the other hand . . .

Resolve now to keep the weekend open for whatever comes along that's new and different. It's a love meeting the same old faces in the same old places.

CANCER

June 21-July 20

You're feeling good regardless of the weather and you go out of your way to help a friend. Your opinion you so high you reject rejection, and your aura glows.

Heavy work schedules don't sap your energy or vigor. Keep working for a promotion without whining or wheedling for a raise. A high office is one of the worst wounds the tongue can make.

Get in touch with an old flame and watch new sparks fly. Who says you can't go home again?

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Things to avoid this week: spicy foods, boring meetings and loud colors. To start, stay away from those hideous ties your friend. They're all grade A monsters.

Keep a sharp eye out for post-Christmas sales that make January a little less bleak.

Shopping can be a great cure for the winter blues.

A small windfall brings cheer.

If you're out to love yet, take heart. Your time will come. You can afford to be patient.

VIRGO

Aug. [illegible] - Sept. 22

Several smooth-talking creeps have rocked up a scheme that reeks of danger, and this week they do their darndest to get you involved. You're tempted to go along out of loyalty and a yen for adventure, but that could lead to disaster. Tell them to take a flying leap.

Your favorite song holds the key to a lucky life. Listen closely to the ones you've been humming.

A small gamble could pay big rewards, but do your homework before you take the plunge.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

A romantic night out is what you need to get a rocky relationship back on track. Pull out all the stops and have a time you will long remember.

A fabulous money-making opportunity is coming your way and you ought to be prepared to pounce on it. Look out advice if you must, but don't waste any time or you'll miss the boat.

Now is an excellent time to settle a family dispute that has been dragging on for too long.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

A surprise visit from an old friend brings drastic changes in your plans. Keep your schedule flexible in order to cope with the emergency.

You have been neglecting an important project that needs your immediate attention.

Stop splashing your wheels and get to work right now or you will be sorry later.

Go out of your way to be extra friendly to neighbors in the week ahead in order to avoid conflicts.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're getting played for a sucker in a personal relationship and it's high time you realize it. You give more than you get. You're paying a big price for companionship.

Your diligence and initiative at work will pay off soon in big dividends. The boss is considering you for a position of importance that will put more money in your pocket.

Don't be too eager to give your trust without finding out if a person deserves it.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your generosity has got been forgotten by an old friend. You will be rewarded in a special way for a good thirteen.

A beautiful someone is aglow to meet you, but doesn't know the proper approach. This could be the week they overcome their hesitancy and satisfy their curiosity about you.

You've been feeling very good lately.

Find time to relax and think of yourself.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Pleasure and adventure are two big events that will highlight the year ahead. But it's vital that you keep your wagon line lined to run against the signs. Your finances, too, are unpredictable for the upcoming.

On the other side of the coin, your growing dissatisfaction with your career will only worsen unless you take steps to make changes. The year ahead is brimming with surprises. They are yours for the taking.

The insights shared will not come down upward in you if you can maintain the high goals you have set for

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Wake up, pal, it's time to roll. With a little ingenuity and a lot of hard work, you could make your wildest dreams come true this week — so go for it! A dear friend stands ready and willing to provide moral support if you'll only ask for it. Grab the brass ring now, before it slips away forever.

Someone you admire and love you very much. Take time to show him or her that the feeling is mutual. Don't go over the water on

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your energy level is sky high, making this an ideal time to set goals and start working to achieve them. Avoid a pessimist who would cramp your style.

A chance meeting with an influential person could set the stage for a long and happy relationship. Don't let their status and reputation intimidate you. Speak your mind!

You are on an even keel financially and that isn't going to change anytime soon. Add every any extra

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabah's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

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'WE DID IT!'

MISMATCHED parents Bill and Frances Palmer share the joy of their love — little son Dexter

Grampa and his teen bride have a bundle of joy

Two years ago, ailing oldster Bill Palmer was ready to toss in the towel on life. Today the gray-haired grampa is on top of the world, with a beautiful teenage bride — and a bouncing baby boy who's the apple of his eye!

By JOE SIEGEL

"This is fantastic. I'm the happiest and proudest man on earth," Bill, 63, told reporters in Broadstairs, England.

"People laughed at me when I married Frances. They thought I was a crazy old codger who couldn't cut the mustard anymore. I guess I've proved them wrong.

"But the important thing is, I have a wife and a son I adore. At last I feel alive again."

Says amateur Frances, 19: "Our marriage may not be 'normal,' but for us it's perfect. We were happy even before little Dexter came along — and now we're delirious."

It's hard to believe that just a couple of years ago, hanging-up Bill seemed ready to cash in his chips.

The grief-stricken grandfather of 10 was so depressed by the death of his wife of 37 years that he'd suffered two heart attacks and was hitting the bottle like a skid-row bum.

"I was really on my last legs," he recalled.

Then the weary widower hired fun-loving Frances, a friend of his daughter Sharri, 26, to help him with the housework — and within months they were in love.

"Romance was the last thing I was looking for at that stage of my life, and I'm sure it was the last thing on Frances' mind, too," said the wrinkled romeo.

"But when it happened it was like a miracle. I can truthfully say that my love for Frances — and her love for me — saved my life."

She's 19, he's 63

Killer doughnut

Foster home owner Carol Dettatti got angry when an elderly resident dawdled with her food.

So she shoved pieces of a doughnut down her throat — and killed her!

The 48-year-old Berrien County, Mich., woman pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of 86-year-old Gladys Mathers, said authorities.

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UFO STUNNER!

Soviets recover starship repair manual from [redacted] wrecked craft and [redacted] building their own!

Soviet scientists claim to have found a UFO repair manual that will help them complete a flying saucer of their own by 1992!

"The key to intergalactic flight is in our hands, right now, today," astrophysicist Alexei Ustinov told reporters in Moscow. "This manual contains blueprints for the controls, body and propulsion system that we need to build and operate an advanced UFO of our own!

"The technology for anti-gravity devices has been known on Earth. But there is no doubt in my mind that we can duplicate it. We're already producing tools and building components. We'll have a flying prototype no later than 1992."

Dr Ustinov refused to say where the Russians found the manual. But a colleague, Dr Yury Kurylev, confirmed that it was recovered from the wreckage of a starship that crashed during the year.

The 700-page manual is in fact, he added, and written in a mathematical language that almost any scientist can decode.

"Without [redacted] authorities might use it as a military weapon in a bid to take over the world.

"If they pull this thing off, God help us all," the expert told reporters. "A single UFO could give them the military advantage they need to cripple American and NATO forces completely.

"Our most sophisticated weapons would be powerless against them.

"A single starship would give them undeniable supremacy. They could defeat and enslave free people all over the world with an alien tool."

— RAGAN GUNN

ARTIST'S conception of the UFO that carried a repairman aboard the Soviet spy satellite and continue costly underwater examinations of the machinery used for space travel.

Hunter shoots trucker who hit one of his bird dogs, say cops!

Cops said an angry hunter dished out a bit of quick-trigger justice — when he shot a truck driver who struck one of his bird dogs!

The driver, 39-year-old Joseph Verderosa, was wounded in the arm by one of two shots allegedly fired by 34-year-old James Allen.

Allen was hunting near a road in a forest management area in Lacey Township, N.J., when one of his three bird dogs was struck while running beside Verderosa's passing truck.

A police report said Allen fired two shots at the truck and one of the shots hit Verderosa in the left arm.

Verderosa was treated for his injury at a nearby hospital and released.

Allen was charged with aggravated assault and freed on $2,500 bond.

SAMANTHA Dawkins listens to Andy and hears, which now beats in the chest of Andy Wilson. The girl's healthy heart was transplanted to Andy while she received a new heart and lungs from a dead child.

Transplant teenager gives her heart to boy — & gets a pal for life!

Samantha Dawkins literally gave her heart to Andy Wilson.

The Eighth schoolkids became friends for life when the pretty 15-year-old girl donated her healthy heart to be transplanted into 9-year-old Andy.

At the same time, Samantha received a new heart and lungs from a dead child.

Samantha's lungs had been destroyed by cystic fibrosis and she was warned she only had a few days to live. Doctors decided to give her new lungs and heart because they believed the combination transplant would help prevent complications.

But Samantha insisted her healthy heart go to save another life. Andy, who was dubbed heroine of severely damaged heart muscles, was the lucky recipient.

The three-way surgery made Samantha and Andy the world's youngest recipients of a "domino transplant" — where a series of people trade off organs to replace the ones that aren't working right.

The death of a child in Holland made the whole arrangement possible. That child's heart and lungs were transplanted into Samantha and then Andy received Samantha's heart.

"It's really weird, looking at Andy and knowing that my heart is beating in him," Samantha said.

"I told him it really wasn't my heart anyway. I said I was only keeping it for him."

And how does Andy feel about Samantha's gift?

"It's great," he said with a big grin. "The kind I have is

Wealthy exec stabbed to death in divorce squabble

By PETE COOKE

Cops say a wealthy executive who had everything except a happy marriage was stabbed to death by his wife — while trying to work out a divorce settlement with her.

New York City police said LuuAnn Pratt, draped in a fur coat and carrying a butcher knife dripping with blood, fled to her lavish $3 million Manhattan apartment after stabbing her husband, 57-year-old C.K. Poe Pratt.

Pratt, a partner in the nation's largest accounting firm, was found dead in the nearby apartment he'd rented after separating from his wife of 30 years.

Pratt, who is listed in Who's Who seemed to live a charmed life until his marriage fizzled, according to friends and officials.

He was an Ivy League football star who served in the Army and studied business at Stanford University before joining the accounting firm of Peat Marwick Main & Co., where he rose to a high powered executive position.

But Pratt's luck ran out

POLICE arrested LuuAnn Pratt in the stabbing death of her husband.

when he left his wife and filed for divorce.

"He was a brilliant man going through perhaps the first really difficult phase of his life," said attorney Maude Massey, Pratt's cousin and close friend.

A family friend said the Pratts' pending divorce "was what you'd call messy," explaining that the couple argued over money and Pratt's new girlfriend.

Investigators said that on the night of the slaying Mrs. Pratt, 55, had a butcher knife hidden in her purse when she went to her husband's apartment to discuss the divorce.

Cops say the discussion led to a bitter argument over Pratt's dating and his wife stabbed him in the neck, chest and back.

According to authorities, Mrs. Pratt went home, washed the blood from her butcher knife, then called police and confessed to the stabbing.

An attorney for Mrs. Pratt, who pleaded not guilty to murder charges, said the woman stabbed her husband in self-defense after he attacked her during an argument.

Jealous wife attacked him with a butcher knife, say cops

MILLIONAIRE businessman C.K. Poe Pratt was killed during violent argument with his estranged wife, say cops.

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A cleanup crew came sneezing to the rescue after a semitrailer truck overturned and 20,000 pounds of pepper and other spices spilled out of their boxes.

The truck crashed through a guardrail near Ridge Manor, Fla., and a wrecker crew had to unload the trailer before they could get the truck back on the road.

The truck was hauling a load of pepper, paprika, cinnamon, garlic and rosemary to local supermarkets.

"I didn't mind too much until we got to the pepper," said worker Larry French, who helped clean up the mess. "I've been sneezing ever since."

Coma miracle

Soft-spoken hubby Chris Brewer only raised his voice once to his wife, Maureen — and he snapped her out of a coma.

"Bloody well open your eyes," he ordered. And she did. "It was a great moment," said Chris.

Maureen is recovering in a hospital in Reading, England, after being injured in a six-

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Autopsy doc goes on TV in the nude!

New York City officials say they won't take any action against a woman doctor who performs autopsies for the medical examiner's office despite her nude appearance on a cable TV show.

Dr. Judy Volpe, 33, wasn't wearing a stitch when she showed up as a guest on Intercourse After Midnight, a nudist cable program which is hosted in the nude by 45-year-old Dan Lander.

Dr. Volpe, who performs autopsies part-time for the medical examiner's office, didn't give her name or occupation when she appeared on the cable show, but did say she "cut up the dead" for a living. She also said she had "a rip-roaring good time" doing autopsies.

Later Dr. Volpe explained to reporters that her comments were meant as jokes and her appearance on the cable program "was a personal expression of nudity. I've been a nudist for several years."

The pathologist said she didn't give her occupation on the show because, "It was my personal business."

The city's Department of Investigation looked into the incident and concluded Dr. Volpe hadn't violated any regulations by appearing nude on TV.

"We only checked to see whether she appeared on the show while she was on city time," said department spokesman Ron Davis.

"She didn't and that was the end of it as far as we were concerned."

Ellen Borakove, a spokesman for the medical examiner's office, said Dr. Volpe still works there part-time.

"Everything is status quo," she said.

Lander, who has produced Intercourse After Midnight for the past eight years, said the program is intended to "explore and present nudism in a healthy atmosphere."

— PETE COONEY

SWEET NEWS

A quick jolt of sugar could do wonders for your memory.

That's the fascinating conclusion of Colorado State University researchers, who found that a dose of sugar boosted the recall ability of test subjects whose bodies metabolize sugar quickly.

"Although the study was on healthy people, this research has implications for people with memory problems due to diabetes, Alzheimer's or other diseases," said researcher Nina Ahlri.

BEFORE Gerda Gunter's operation her jutting jaw and square square head drew lots of stares from strangers.

Miracle surgery gives new hope to 25-year-old bank teller

BLOCKHEAD WOMAN HAS 2 POUNDS OF BONE CUT FROM HER SKULL!

By SUSAN JIMISON

For years Gerda Gunter's jutting jaw and bizarre square head attracted stares and whispers from strangers. Now, thanks to miracle surgery, her looks are normal at last — and she's gratefully adjusting to life without disfiguring deformity.

"I'm more beautiful now," said the 25-year-old redhead following surgery that removed more than two pounds of bone from her skull. Every day I look in the mirror 10 times.

"I wouldn't say the operation has changed my personality, but it's certainly made me a happier person."

Gerda, who lives in Riverdale, South Africa, was born with a rare condition called marble bone disease. As a child she looked perfectly normal, but as she approached her teens her jawbone began to enlarge and her skull thickened alarmingly.

Soon the young woman looked like a monkhead, and the overgrown bone of her skull was pressing dangerously on her brain. Doctors began a series of seven operations to relieve the pressure on her skull and shape her face for more normal looks. The most recent surgery carved chunks of bone off her jaw and Gerda is delighted with the change in her looks.

"I have much more self-confidence now," said Gerda, who probably will have to undergo additional surgery as the bones continue their uncontrolled growth.

Gerda, a bank teller, has never hidden herself away because of her odd appearance. She was a popular teenager in high school and has lots of friends and activities now.

But she admits there were times when facing the gawking public was difficult.

"At the bank if the customer was loud I didn't mind, but when I had to serve strangers I became nervous. And I always wondered what I looked like to them."

Every three years or so doctors must drill into the bones of Gerda's skull to make space for her brain. The brave bank employee knows that one day she may lose her hearing, her eyesight or become paralyzed as nerves are pinched by her growing skull.

"Despite my disease, I've always been a winner," she said.

AFTER her surgery, grateful Gerda flashes a smile as she poses with her dog Lappies. "I'm more beautiful now," she says.

Henpecked hubby tries to kill his bossy wife with bug spray

By PETE COOKE

A henpecked Army dentist was sentenced to 18 months hard labor for trying to murder his bossy wife by injecting her with bug spray.

Col. Dennis Farmer testified during his court-martial that he decided to kill his wife while she was hospitalized with complications from a broken ankle.

"I thought I had to," Col. Farmer, 53, said. "I don't believe I wanted her dead. I wanted her gone. I felt if I didn't do something now, I would never do it

veterans stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado, said his wife, Carol, continually yelled at him and made him feel "less than a person" during their 14-year marriage.

He said the idea to kill his wife came to him while he was shopping at a K mart store.

Col. Farmer noticed a bottle of insecticide with a warning label that read "fatal if swallowed."

"I thought this might be the answer," he testified.

When he went to visit his wife in the hospital, Col. Farmer said he pulled a syringe filled with insecticide to his wife's arm. But an instant later Col. Farmer had a change of heart and ripped the tube from his wife's arm before the insecticide flowed into her vein.

A hospital technician said that she saw Farmer put the syringe back into his pocket.

Mrs. Farmer, 45, testified for her husband, saying she constantly buried obscenities at him and claiming he didn't intend to kill her.

But the dentist was found guilty of attempted murder and was sentenced to 18 months of

Tax man puts bite on swanky hooker

Prostitute Erna Dietrich must pay taxes on $1 million, far more than the $41,000 income she claimed from 1974 to 1981.

A tax court in Ottawa, Canada, also tacked on $70,000 in penalties. The court said the highly

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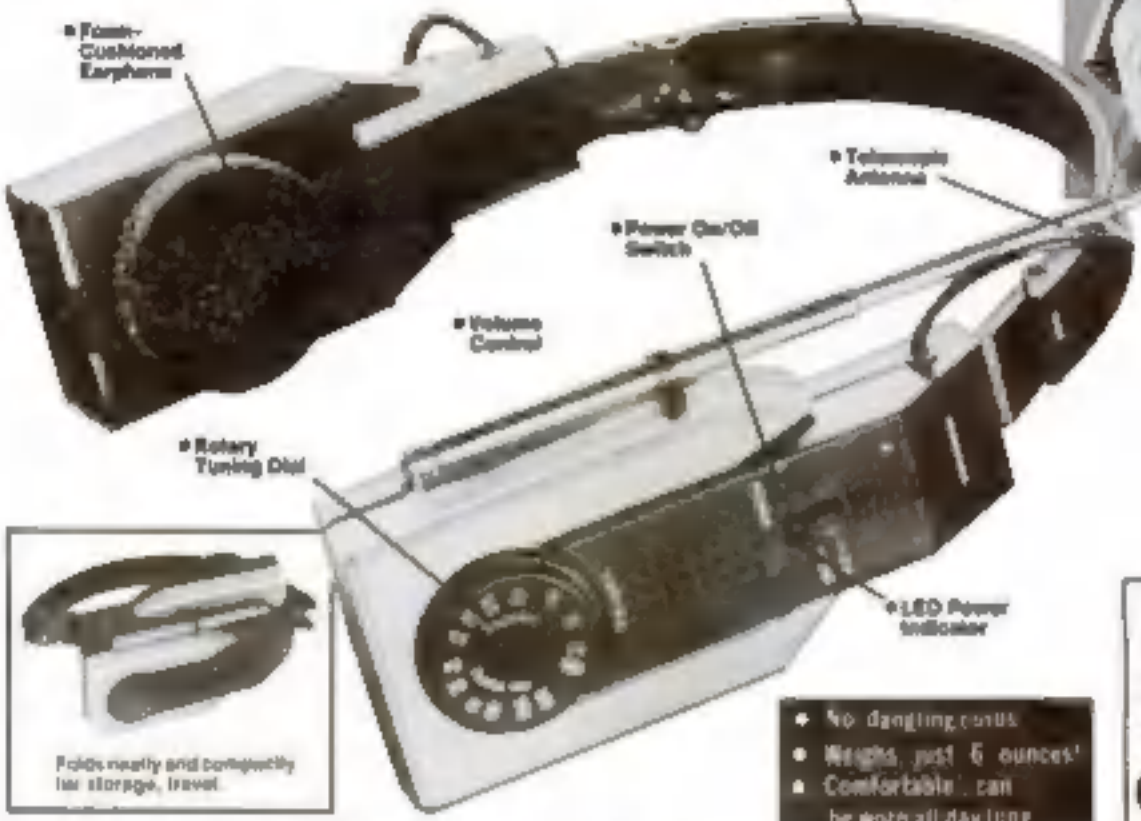

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